

OBAMA'S NSA PLAN

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Friday sought to get his administration ahead of the roiling debate over National Security Agency surveillance, releasing new information about spying activities and calling for changes aimed at bolstering public confidence that the programs do not intrude too far into Americans' privacy.



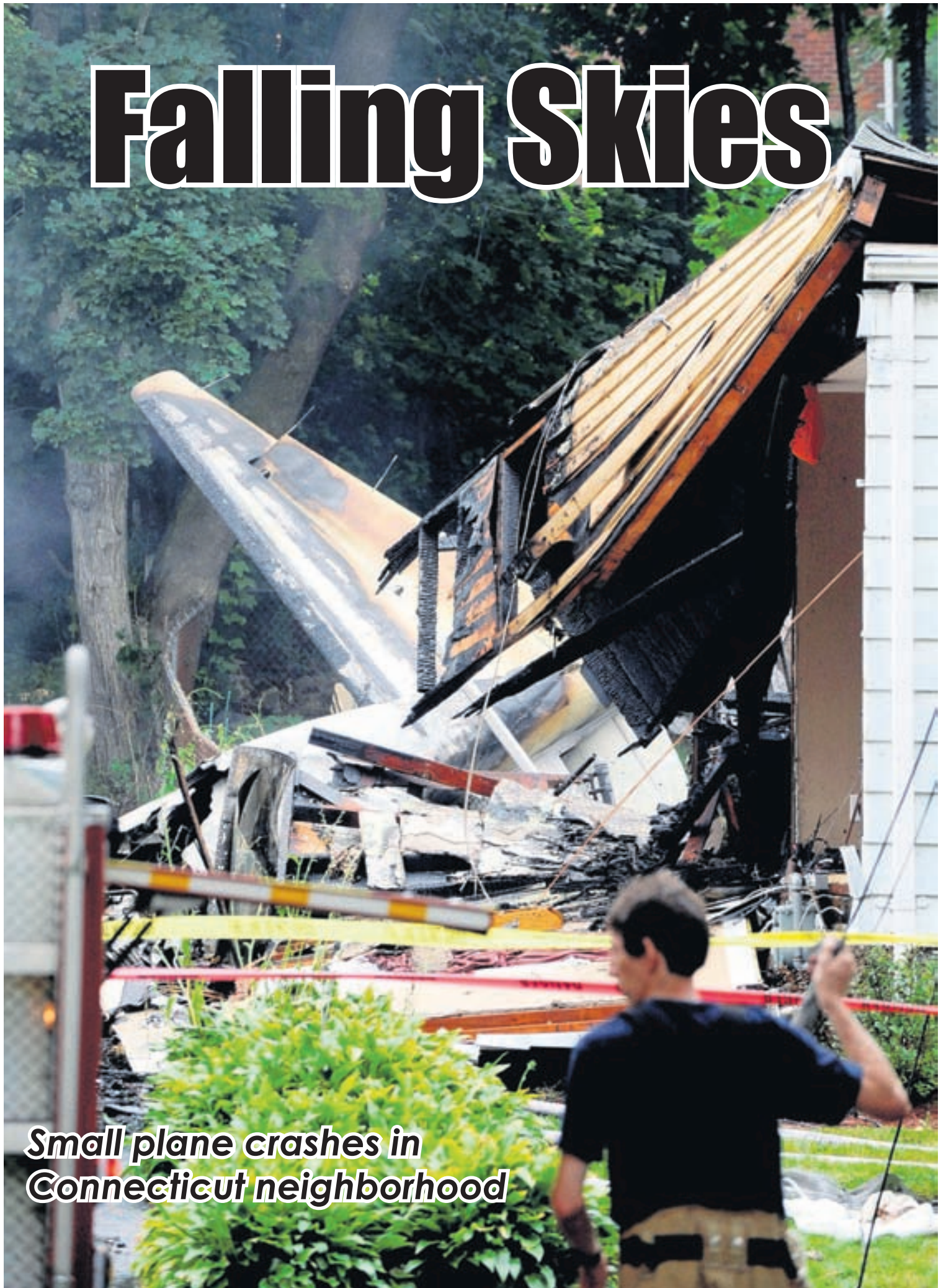
President Barack Obama smile during a news conference about the NSA at the White House in Washington, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

At a time when leaks by the former NSA contractor Edward J. Snowden have ripped the veil from the agency's expansive spying both inside the United States and abroad, Obama held a news conference at which he conceded a need for greater openness and safeguards over vast U.S. surveillance efforts.

"It's right to ask questions about surveillance, particularly as technology is reshaping every aspect of our lives," Obama said, adding: "It's not enough for me, as president, to have confidence in these programs. The American people need to have confidence in them as well."

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Falling Skies



Small plane crashes in Connecticut neighborhood

A firefighter surveys the scene of a small plane crash Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in East Haven, Conn. The multi-engine, propeller-driven plane plunged into a working-class suburban neighborhood near Tweed New Haven Airport, on Friday.

(AP Photo/Fred Beckham)

Obama offers plan meant to ease NSA concerns

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Among other steps, Obama announced the creation of a high-level taskforce of outside intelligence and civil liberties specialists to advise the government about how to balance security and privacy as computer tech-

nology makes it possible to gather ever more information about people's private lives. The president also threw his administration's support behind a proposal to change the procedures of the secret court that approves electronic spying under the Foreign Intelli-

gence Surveillance Act in order to make its deliberations more adversarial. The court, created in 1978, was initially envisioned to carry out a limited role of reviewing whether there was sufficient evidence to wiretap someone as a suspected foreign terrorist or spy. In recent years, however, it has played a far more sweeping role, issuing lengthy and complex secret opinions interpreting surveillance laws and constitutional privacy rights, without the benefit of opposing lawyers to argue against the Justice Department or file any appeals. Obama was expected to announce his support for creating an adversarial player in such arguments. The Obama administration is also planning to release a previously classified legal analysis explaining why the government believes it is lawful under a provision of

the Patriot Act known as Section 215 for the NSA to collect and store logs of every phone call dialed or received in the United States.

At the same time, the NSA was expected to release a paper outlining its role, officials said. The six- to seven-page document was described as setting up a "foundation" to help people understand the legal framework for its activities. Next week, the agency will open a website designed to explain itself better to the public amid Snowden's disclosures.

"What people are beginning to see in the leaks are elements of a blueprint at NSA, but not an operating manual," another senior administration official said in the conference call. "What the paper will try to do is to essentially put them in context. This is a framework." □



President Barack Obama leaves after his news conference in the East Room at the White House in Washington, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013. The president said he'll work with Congress to change the oversight of some of the National Security Agency's controversial surveillance programs and name a new panel of outside experts to review technologies.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

High alert in Pakistan after threats made to army sites

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ISLAMABAD - Security forces in Islamabad were on high alert for a possible militant attack Friday following threats against major military installations, the police said. The heightened security alert came hours after U.S. officials evacuated the consulate in Lahore, Pakistan, also on security fears.

The police said 2,500 officers had been deployed across Islamabad, the Pakistani capital, following intelligence intercepts indicating that militants were planning to attack the headquarters of the Pakistan air force and navy.

Private security guards killed a suicide bomber as he tried to force his way into a Shiite mosque on the edge of the capital, in what appeared to be the latest in a series of sectarian attacks across Pakistan. Earlier in the week, military commandos patrolled in Margalla Hills, a low chain of hills that overlooks Islamabad and is considered one of the city's most vulnerable security points.

"Government buildings are under threat but we also have information that terrorists can also strike at a public place," said a senior police official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Meghan Gregonis, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, said all but essential staff members had been evacuated from the Lahore consulate. "It was a precautionary measure," she said in a telephone interview. "We received specific information regarding the consulate."

She declined to specify the nature of the threat. In Washington, Obama administration officials said it was not linked to the al-Qaida threat that has caused the closure of 19 diplomatic missions. □

Southern California wildfire 25% contained

CABAZON, California (AP)

— More than 1,000 firefighters battled for a second day to contain a wildfire that has forced 1,800 people to flee their homes in the rugged mountains east of Los Angeles.

The fire grew by 2,000 acres (809 hectares) to 25 square miles (65 square kilometers) overnight but was significantly less active Friday morning. Evacuations of a handful of communities remained in effect, however, as a safety precaution, said fire spokesman Eric Solomon.

The wildfire burning 90 miles (145 kilometers) east of Los Angeles in the San Jacinto Mountains since Wednesday has destroyed 26 homes and threatened more than 500 other residences, forcing some 1,800 people to flee.

Six people have been injured: one civilian with serious burns and five firefighters whose injuries included heat exhaustion.

Firefighters focused protection Friday on the tiny community of Snow Creek, a shift from a day earlier

when the threat appeared aimed at portions of the city of Cabazon.

Scores of residents in Cabazon were evacuated in the pre-dawn hours Thursday and returned after sunrise to pack up more belongings and watch the flickering line of fire snaking along

the brown, scrubby mountains. Most of Southern California's severe wildfires are associated with Santa Ana winds caused by high pressure over the West that sends a clockwise flow of air rushing down into the region.

This week's fire, however,

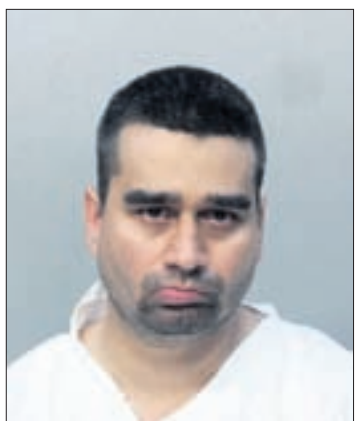
was being fanned by a counter-clockwise flow around a low pressure area over northwest California. The National Weather Service said Friday conditions could change in the second half of next week, with weaker winds in the mountains and deserts. □



The remains of a home and a car destroyed by a wildfire are seen on Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, near Banning, Calif. Southern California firefighters are facing another day of battle as they try to corral a wildfire that has destroyed 26 homes, thus far.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Florida murder suspect Medina posted photo of spouse's body



This arrest photo shows Derek Medina of South Miami, Fla. (AP Photo)

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SOUTH MIAMI, Florida (AP)

— The Florida man who authorities say killed his wife then apparently posted a photo of her dead body on Facebook had a concealed weapon permit and portrayed himself as a neighborhood watch volunteer, fellow residents said Friday.

Derek Medina, 31, turned himself in to police on Thursday after 26-year-old Jennifer Alfonso was fatally shot inside the couple's home in South Miami. Police found her body, as well as her 10-year-old daughter, who was unharmed. Medina was charged with first-degree murder and was ordered held without bond Friday.

His final Facebook post was as chilling as the photograph that followed it.

"I'm going to prison or death sentence for killing my wife love you guys, miss you guys take care Facebook people you will see me in the news," said the Thursday post on Medina's Facebook page.

He then apparently posted a photo of his wife's body slumped on the floor.

One neighbor, Yoshi Dade, said that Medina approached him more than a year ago at the apartment complex. Medina told Dade that he was the neighborhood watch patrol for the building. He also told Dade he had a concealed weapons permit. Medina's claims could not be confirmed immediately. "He would walk around here and kinda patrol the

area. He was always telling me there was a lot of stuff going on around here," said Dade, 33.

Dade said he thought the incident was bizarre.

According to an affidavit, Medina said the couple became involved in an argument at home when he armed himself with a gun and pointed it at her.

He said Alfonso left the bedroom, returning later to say she was leaving him. He says he went downstairs and confronted her in the kitchen, when she began punching him. He claims he went back upstairs to get his gun and confronted her again, at which time she grabbed a knife. Medina said he was able to disarm her and put the knife in a drawer, but that when she began punching him again, he shot her several times, the affidavit says.

The post claimed that his wife was punching him and that he wasn't going to stand any more abuse. YouTube videos linked to his Facebook page earlier this week, however, show him working out in a martial arts studio, punching and kicking a heavy bag. The next and final post, titled "Rip Jennifer Alfonso," was a gruesome photograph showing a woman slumped on the floor. There was no blood on her left arm and left cheek. The photo was up for more than five hours before Facebook removed the page. A Facebook spokeswoman said in an email to The Associated Press that she could not comment on a law enforcement investigation but could provide a general comment from the company.

"The content was reported to us," the spokeswoman wrote. "We took action on the profile — removing the content and disabling the profile, and we reached out to law enforcement. We take action on all content that violates our terms, which are clearly laid out on our site."

Police declined comment on the Facebook posts. □

Small airplane crashes in Connecticut neighborhood

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EAST HAVEN, Conn. (AP) —

A small plane crashed in a working-class neighborhood near an airport Friday and engulfed two houses in flames, killing at least two people and leaving a third feared dead.

The multi-engine, propeller-driven plane struck two small homes a few blocks from Tweed New Haven Airport as it came in for a landing.

Soon after the crash, officials said at least three people were missing: the pilot and two children in one of the houses, ages 1 and 13. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy later said the plane also may have been carrying two passengers but that officials were still trying to verify whether that was true.

"We haven't recovered anybody at this point and we presume there is go-

ing to be a very bad outcome," East Haven Fire Chief Douglas Jackson said early Friday afternoon.

Less than two hours later, Malloy said rescuers had spotted two bodies but had not yet been recovered them. The plane's fuselage had entered one of the houses and the recovery effort was focusing on the home's basement, the governor said.

The plane, a Rockwell International Turbo Commander 690B, flew out of Teterboro Airport in New Jersey and crashed at 11:25 a.m., according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Tweed's airport manager, Lori Hoffman-Soares, said the pilot had been in communication with air traffic control and did not issue any distress calls.

"All we know is that it missed the approach and continued on," she said.

A neighbor, David Esposito, said he heard a loud noise and then a thump. "No engine noise, nothing," he said.

"A woman was screaming her kids were in there," he said.

Esposito, a 54-year-old retired teacher, said he ran into the upstairs of the house, where the woman believed her children were, but could not find them after frantically searching a crib and closets. He returned downstairs to search some more, but he dragged the woman out when the flames became too strong.

Wilson Idrovo said he was working on a house nearby when his son said: "Daddy, the airplane is falling down."

Idrovo said he went into the house but couldn't get into a room where the plane had crashed. □



Firefighters stand at the scene of a plane crash, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in East Haven, Conn. The multi-engine, propeller-driven plane plunged into a working-class suburban neighborhood near Tweed New Haven Airport, on Friday.

(AP Photo/Fred Beckham)

US to reopen 18 of 19 diplomatic missions

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. State Department says 18 of the 19 U.S. embassies and consulates in the Middle East and Africa that have been closed due to a terrorist threat will reopen on Sunday or Monday.

Officials say the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen,

will remain closed.

A statement issued Friday didn't cite a reason for resuming regular business operations at the 18 diplomatic missions.

The 19 outposts had been closed since Sunday. Most American employees at the U.S. Embassy in Yemen were ordered to leave the country on

Tuesday because of threat information.

An intercepted message between al-Qaida officials about plans for a major terror attack triggered the closures.

A separate threat led to the closure Thursday of the U.S. Consulate in Lahore, Pakistan. It remains closed. □

Cut emissions? Congress itself keeps burning a dirtier fuel

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WASHINGTON - As part of the climate change agenda he unveiled this year, President Barack Obama made a commitment to significantly reduce the federal government's dependence on fossil fuels. The government, he said in a speech in June at Georgetown University, "must lead by example."

But just two miles from the White House stands the Capitol Power Plant, the largest single source of carbon emissions in the nation's capital and a concrete example of the government's inability to green its own turf.

The plant, which provides heating and cooling to the sprawling Capitol campus - 23 buildings that include the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court and congressional office buildings, in addition to the Capitol building itself - is operated

by Congress, and its transition to cleaner energy sources has been mired in national politics for years. But the failure of Congress to modernize its own facility

also raises questions about the Obama administration's ability to limit emissions from existing power plants when it has not been able to do so at a govern-

ment-run facility so close to home. The office of the architect of the Capitol, which oversees the operations of the plant, first moved to end the use of

coal there in 2000 but was turned back by resistance from powerful coal-state senators who wanted to keep it as the primary fuel. The effort was revived in 2007 as a central part of the Green the Capitol Initiative, led by Nancy Pelosi, the House speaker at the time. The effort was defunded in 2011 after the Republicans took control of the House. By then the plant had reduced the amount of coal in its fuel mix to 5 percent, down from 56 percent in 2007. But it made up the difference primarily with diesel fuel oil.

Although the power plant is required to submit emissions reports to the District of Columbia's Department of the Environment, which coordinates enforcement with the Environmental Protection Agency, records show that both agencies have failed to ensure that the power plant is in compliance. □



The Capitol's dome in the distance is framed by the stacks of the Capitol Power Plant, which provides power to many government buildings, including the Capitol building itself, in Washington, Aug. 6, 2013. The plant is the largest single source of carbon emissions in the nation's capital.

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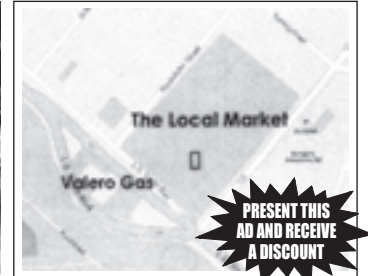


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Arrests of two former JPMorgan employees planned in 'whale' case

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Government authorities are planning to arrest two former JPMorgan Chase employees suspected of masking the size of a multibillion-dollar trading loss, a dramatic turn in a case that tarnished the reputation of the nation's biggest bank and spotlighted the perils of Wall Street risk-taking.

The arrests are expected to take place in London in the coming days, according to people briefed on the matter. The action, the people said, would come on the heels of a federal grand jury voting to indict the employees on criminal fraud charges.

The employees - Javier Martin-Artajo, a manager who oversaw the trading strategy from London, and Julien Grout, a low-level trader responsible for recording the value of the soured bets - could ultimately be extradited under an agreement with British authorities.

Representatives of the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan declined to comment.

The losses at the heart of the case stemmed from outside wagers made by the traders at JPMorgan's chief investment office in London. The losses, which JPMorgan initially disclosed last May, have since reached more than \$6 billion.

After more than a year of gathering evidence about the bet, a blunder that set off a cascade of scrutiny across two continents, federal prosecutors

and the FBI in Manhattan have concluded that the two employees lowballed losses as the trades spiraled out of control. Poring over internal emails and phone recordings that shine a light on how the traders valued their bets, authorities came to believe that Martin-Artajo directed Grout to falsify records and obscure more than \$400 million in losses from their bosses in New York, say the people briefed on the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The charges hinge on the cooperation of another JPMorgan trader, Bruno Iksil, who was nicknamed the London Whale because of his role in the unusually large bet. Despite initially personifying the trade - the blowup is referred to colloquially as "the London Whale" - some investigators concluded that he was unfairly blamed.

After giving multiple interviews to authorities, first at a meeting in Brussels and then New York, Iksil secured a cooperation agreement from the government. It is unclear, however, whether he will face separate charges.

The government, lawyers note, will face challenges in the courtroom. For one, Wall Street cases are unusually difficult to prove to jurors who must grapple with financial jargon and complex evidence.

That hurdle is particularly high in this case, which centers on the vagaries of rules that even seasoned Wall Street employees struggle to interpret. Under the rules, traders have leeway to value their losses



A banker walks past JPMorgan Chase offices in New York. Government authorities are planning to arrest two former JPMorgan Chase employees suspected of masking the size of a multibillion-dollar trading loss.

(Handout Photo)

on derivatives contracts because actual prices may not be readily available, presenting a challenge to prosecutors who

must prove that employees intentionally cloaked the losses. While authorities are not pursuing charges against JPMorgan's top ex-

ecutives, according to the people briefed on the matter, the bank is nonetheless bracing for civil charges from regulators. □



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Manning to speak near end of sentencing case

FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP) — U.S. soldier Bradley Manning will make a rare statement before his defense finishes arguments in his sentencing hearing next week, his lawyers said Friday.

The 25-year-old faces up to 90 years in prison for the largest leak of classified government information in U.S. history.

Manning did not make a statement at his trial.

Defense attorney David Coombs said Manning will give a statement Wednesday. The defense team is set to begin presenting evidence Monday.

The former military intelligence analyst gave more than 700,000 documents and some battlefield video to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks while working in Iraq. He was convicted last month of 20 counts, including federal Espionage Act violations and theft.

Manning says he leaked the material to expose wrongdoing and provoke discussion about U.S. mili-

tary and diplomatic affairs. The prosecution's case has tried to show what damage the leaks may have caused.

The revelations put entire Afghan villages at risk of harm from the Taliban for cooperating with U.S. forces, a Defense Department official testified Friday.

Navy Rear Adm. Kevin Donegan, director of warfare integration, was director of operations for U.S. Central Command, including Iraq and Afghanistan, when WikiLeaks began publishing the information in 2010.

Donegan said WikiLeaks' publication of more than 90,000 Afghanistan battlefield reports in July 2010 prompted the creation of a crisis team to assess whether the documents contained anything immediately useful to the enemy or identified people who had given information to U.S. forces.

He said the team found "a significant number" of such people, who had to be

warned they were at risk. "Each area of Afghanistan has a shadow Taliban gov-

ernor associated with it," Donegan said. "Villages, in and of themselves, for co-

operating with the United States, can be retaliated against by the Taliban." □



A supporter of Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, wearing a Guy Fawkes mask, participates in a demonstration in front of the White House in Washington. (AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Obama laments 'backward' thinking by Russians

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Friday he was reassessing the tense U.S. relationship with Russia because of a growing number of issues

on which the two countries differ, and he called on Russian leader Vladimir Putin to "think forward as opposed to backward" and abandon a Cold War mentality. Obama's comments at a White House news conference came two days after cancelling a planned summit with Putin next month. Meanwhile, Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ended talks with their Russian counterparts to see where cooperation is possible. Those officials said they had made some tangible

results on the push for a political solution to the crisis in Syria, among other issues.

Obama said Putin's return to the Kremlin last year had brought about "more rhetoric on the Russian side that was anti-American, that played into some of the old stereotypes about the Cold War contest between the United States and Russia." He told reporters he decided not to attend the summit with Putin because "Russia has not moved" on a range of issues where the U.S. would like to see progress. □

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Among blacks, Spitzer and Weiner find a more forgiving crowd

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NEW YORK - Seated on a dais, before a crowd of men and women still picking at their breakfast of fried chicken, sausage, eggs and grits, Eliot Spitzer smiled.

A series of ministers introduced him to the audience of 80 Brooklyn pastors and churchgoers as "a brother" and "a friend." The audience shouted "Oh yeah" and "All right" as the Rev. Johnny Ray Youngblood, alluding to Spitzer's prostitution scandal, said, "We have all sinned and come short before the glory of God."

The gathering Thursday morning, at First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, was the latest indication of a striking phenomenon in New York City politics this year: as Spitzer, a candidate for comptroller, and Anthony D. Weiner, a candidate for mayor, crisscross the city asking residents to look beyond sexual scandal and choose them for high office, they are finding unexpectedly strong support in black communities.

Repeated polling has found a racial gap in the races for mayor and comptroller: Black voters are far more likely than white voters to view Spitzer and Weiner favorably, and more likely to say they deserve a second chance. And the statistical evi-

dence is reinforced on the campaign trail. Last week, for example, the predominantly black audience at a mayoral forum in Queens cheered Weiner and jeered at another candidate, George T. McDonald, a Republican, who called Weiner a "freak." Interviews with black ministers, political leaders, scholars and voters suggest two major factors at work: an emphasis in the black church on forgiveness and redemption, and an experience, particularly among older black voters, of having seen revered leaders embroiled in scandal.

"You can't think of any major black leader that did not have some kind of legal or other kind of media attack, so we are not as prone to believe the attacks as other communities," the Rev. Al Sharpton said in an interview.

Youngblood agreed, saying, "When we as African-Americans look at our history, our own Dr. Martin Luther King, or own Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, there has always been something in a person's life that others sought to use against their greater good."

Both candidates have made major efforts to reach out to black voters. Weiner held his first campaign event at a subway stop in Harlem, and he has spent many Sundays since visiting black churches, where his remarks about

the behavior that led to his resignation - sending sexually explicit messages and images to women over the Internet - often draw a sympathetic response. He uses a metaphor of making a wrong turn when driving with a GPS unit, and hear-

"Put yourself in his place," he urged the congregation. "Would you not want to have another opportunity?"

"Yes!" the congregation responded.

At the second church that Spitzer visited, Mount

way black and white voters view the candidates. Shortly after Weiner acknowledged that his online behavior had continued for more than a year after he resigned from Congress, a Quinnipiac poll of likely voters in the Democratic



New York City mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner, left, shares cookies with Gloria Perez at the Rosetta Gaston Senior Center in New York, Aug. 8, 2013. Recent polls have found that black voters are far more likely than white voters to view Weiner and city comptroller candidate Eliot Spitzer favorably, and more likely to say they deserve a second chance.

(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

ing it say, "Recalculating." Spitzer, a former governor, has also kept up a busy scheduling of visiting black churches. Last Sunday, at the Bethany Baptist Church in Queens, the minister, Bishop M. Edward Reid, introduced him as "a man of wisdom and a great leader" and accused the news media of magnifying his transgressions.

Horeb Baptist Church in Corona, Jeannette Sullivan, 71, a retired airport security guard, said that all politicians had personal flaws, so there was no reason to hold one misstep against Spitzer.

"Everybody in politics cheats," she said, laughing.

For several weeks, polling has showed a gap in the

primary found that 64 percent of white voters said that Weiner should drop out of the race, while only 42 percent of black voters did.

More recently, a Quinnipiac poll in the comptroller's race found that 66 percent of white voters said that Spitzer's prostitution scandal was a legitimate issue in the comptroller's race. □

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Clashes break out at rallies supporting Egypt's Morsi

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CAIRO (AP) — Tens of thousands of supporters of Egypt's ousted president marched Friday on the streets of Cairo and across the country, leading to clashes with opponents and security forces that injured dozens.

The marches during the Muslim holiday of Eid el-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, come as Egypt's government increasingly looks poised to break up sit-in protests by supporters of President Mohammed Morsi when the festivities end. However, a leader in Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood maintained the aggressive rhetoric used by some opposing the military-backed interim government's plans while addressing protesters Friday, raising the possibility of further bloodshed in the country.

"Kill as much as you like. I won't move an inch," Brotherhood leader Mohamed el-Beltagui said. "We will offer a million martyrs."

The protesters waved signs Friday bearing Morsi's picture, who was deposed in a July 3 military coup that came after millions marched in the streets against him. While most of the protests were peaceful, clashes erupted in several

locations in the country between Morsi supporters and those opposing Morsi, as well as security forces.

A security official said 28 people, including three policemen, were injured in clashes in Fayoum, south of

dition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to speak to journalists.

Dozens were injured in clashes between Morsi supporters and opponents in several villages of the northern Sharqiya province, the

distributing leaflets criticizing military leader Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, witnesses said. In Gharbia province, north of Cairo, three were injured after clashes erupted between villagers and Morsi's supporters who had

Morsi and the return of the disbanded Islamist-dominated legislative council. The interim government has rejected those demands and is instead moving forward with a fast-track plan calling for revising the constitution and holding presidential and parliamentary elections early next year. Morsi himself remains held by the military at an undisclosed location.

Supporters of the ousted president continue to hold daily demonstrations at two sit-in sites in the capital, Cairo. Egypt's government has said it had plans to break up the demonstrations, which it repeatedly has described as a threat to national security.

An earlier Cabinet statement said the government was keen not to take action during the celebrations that mark the end of Ramadan, which started Thursday and continue for four days. Authorities talked earlier about using gradual measures to end the protests, such as besieging the sit-ins to prevent people from getting in while allowing those inside to gradually leave.

Organizers of the sit-ins have brought games and other diversions to the sites, hoping to continue to draw crowds, including children. □



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi shout slogans under his posters following Friday prayers in Nahda square, where protesters have installed their camp near Cairo University in Giza, southwest of Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

Cairo. He told The Associated Press that security forces fired tear gas and birdshot at Brotherhood supporters who tried storming the province's security services headquarters.

The official spoke on con-

website of the state-run daily newspaper Al-Ahram reported.

In the Nile Delta city of Mahalla, four pro-Morsi protesters were injured after local residents attacked them when they started

organized a march, witnesses said. The two groups hurled stones at each other beforehand.

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Gunmen abduct 2 Turkish Airlines pilots in Lebanon

RYAN LUCAS

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Gunmen intercepted a van carrying Turkish Airlines employees from Beirut's international airport to a hotel in the Lebanese capital Friday, kidnapping two pilots but leaving the four other crew members behind, officials said.

The abductions appeared linked to neighboring Syria's civil war, a conflict that has sparked repeated bouts of fighting in Lebanon between sectarian communities as well as a spate of tit-for-tat kidnappings over the past two years. Friday's attack prompted Turkey to issue a travel warning urging its citizens to avoid unnecessary travel to Lebanon and those already there to leave.

The Turkish Airlines crew, which arrived on a flight from Istanbul early Friday, was in a van along an old airport road in Beirut when

two vehicles forced it to pull over, Lebanese security officials said. Six gunmen pulled the pilot and co-pilot from the vehicle, but let the four other crew members — two men and two women — go, the officials said on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. Turkish Airlines spokesman Ali Genc identified the two pilots as Murat Akpinar and Murat Agca. Lebanon's state news agency reported that the driver of the van was questioned and that eight gunmen were involved in the abduction. The difference in the number of the attackers in the report and the Lebanese officials' account could not immediately be explained.

The state news agency said a group called Zuwaar al-Imam Rida claimed responsibility for the kidnapping. The group, which was previously unknown, said in a statement that the pilots



Lebanese policemen stand guard outside a hotel where the rest of a Turkish Airlines crew stayed after six gunmen ambushed their vehicle on an old airport road and snatched two of the crewmembers, a pilot and a co-pilot, according to Lebanese officials, in Beirut, Lebanon, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013.

(AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

"will only be released when the Lebanese hostages in Syria return," the agency said. The veracity of the

claim could not be immediately verified.

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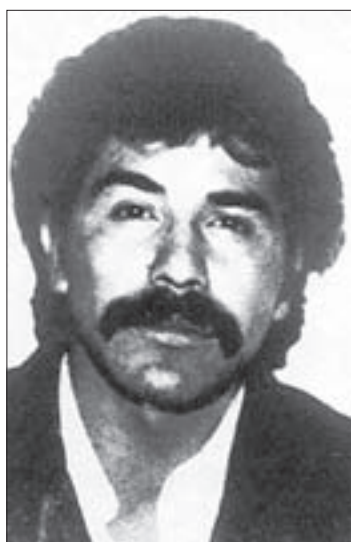
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Mexico drug kingpin Caro Quintero ordered released

MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials said Friday a court ordered the release of infamous drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero after 28 years in prison, overturning his conviction for the 1985 kidnap and killing of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent. The brutal murder marked a low point in U.S.-Mexico relations. The court threw out Caro Quintero's 40-year sentence for the murder of Enrique Camarena, ruling on Wednesday that he was improperly tried in a federal court for a crime that should have been treated as a state offense. Prison officials were notified Thursday, though it was unclear if he had yet been released or if U.S. au-



The undated photo shows Rafael Caro Quintero, considered the grandfather of Mexican drug trafficking. A Mexican court has ordered the release of Caro Quintero after 28 years in prison for the 1985 kidnapping and killing of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena.

(AP Photo)

the United States, where he still faces active charges. The 61-year-old Caro Quintero is considered the grandfather of Mexican drug trafficking. He established a powerful cartel based in the northwestern Mexican state of Sinaloa that later split into some of Mexico's largest cartels, including the Sinaloa and Juarez cartels.

Caro Quintero is still listed as one of the DEA's five top international fugitives, and U.S. authorities believe he continues to control the laundering of drug money from behind bars.

"Caro Quintero continues to launder the proceeds from narcotics trafficking and he maintains an alliance with drug trafficking organizations such as the Sinaloa Cartel, most notably with Esparragoza Moreno's network,"

said Treasury Department spokesman John Sullivan, referring to Juan Jose Esparragoza Moreno — also known as "El Azul," or "Blue" because of the dark color of his skin — who is allegedly a top leader of the Sinaloa cartel.

In June, the Treasury Department imposed sanctions against 18 people and 15 companies that allegedly moved money for Caro Quintero. "Caro Quintero has used a network of family members and front persons to invest his fortune into ostensibly legitimate companies and real estate projects in the city of Guadalajara" said Adam Szubin, Director of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control. Caro Quintero has spent almost all of his sentence at a prison on the outskirts of that city, Mexico's second-largest

city. Mexico's relations with Washington were badly damaged when Caro Quintero ordered Camarena kidnapped, tortured and killed, purportedly because he was angry about a raid on a 220-acre (89-hectare) marijuana plantation in central Mexico named "Rancho Bufalo" — Buffalo Ranch — that was seized by Mexican authorities at Camarena's insistence. Camarena was kidnapped on Feb. 7, 1985, in Guadalajara, a major drug trafficking center. His body and that of his Mexican pilot, both showing signs of torture, were found a month later, buried in shallow graves.

American officials accused their Mexican counterparts of letting Camarena's killers get away. Caro Quintero was eventually hunted down in Costa Rica. □



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In Britain:

Alleged Italian mob boss is denied bail

ALAN COWELL

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LONDON - To the Italian police, he was Domenico Rancadore, or "the professor," a Mafia boss on the lam as a dangerous fugitive for almost two decades, a onetime enforcer for the Sicilian Cosa Nostra. To those who lived near him on a leafy street in a bland West London suburb, he was Marc Skinner, a father of two, a former teacher and a good neighbor who spent contented hours buffing the paint jobs on his fancy cars.

But this week, his double life began unraveling. A British judge denied him bail Friday, two days after his arrest on an international warrant seeking his extradition to Italy to serve a seven-year sentence for

extortion and other crimes. Right until the brief court hearing Friday, there had been speculation that he would be freed because of technical flaws in the warrant. At a separate hearing the day before, Judge Quentin Purdy of Westminster Magistrates' Court said, "There are concerns about the validity of the warrant that has come before the court."

But Friday, while Rancadore, 64, was still in a police holding cell, a new warrant was issued. At the court hearing later, Purdy denied his bail request, meaning that Rancadore will remain in custody while he awaits extradition proceedings. According to court filings in London, Rancadore was sentenced in 1999 to seven years in prison after being

tried in absentia and convicted of extortion, membership in the Mafia and other serious crimes. The Italian authorities placed him on a list of "dangerous fugitives," the Italian Interior Ministry said, because he had been a "man of honor" in Cosa Nostra. As a top Mafia member, the Italian authorities said, Rancadore went by the sobriquet U Profissuri, the professor, from a Mafia clan in Trabia near Palermo, the Sicilian capital.

Italian investigators believe that Rancadore fled Italy in the early 1990s because of an internal conflict, when the "boss of all bosses," Salvatore Riina, ordered the killing of two top anti-Mafia prosecutors. The Italian police issued an international arrest warrant in 1998. □



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Danish Muslim leader regrets role in cartoon rage

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Associated Press
COPENHAGEN, Denmark
(AP) — A Danish Muslim leader who seven years ago traveled the Muslim world fueling the uproar over newspaper caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad is back in the headlines in Denmark after

spokesman for a group of imams who led the protests against the drawings in Denmark. They traveled to Lebanon, Egypt and Syria to elicit support, saying the Danish government wouldn't listen to their concerns. Their journeys helped turn the dispute into an international crisis. Dozens were

ed doubting his fundamentalist beliefs after a 2007 trip to Lebanon, where he met Islamist leaders. A year later, he moved to Greenland, the desolate Danish Arctic island, where he worked in a school for two years. "I had plenty of time to read and write. And think," said Akkari, who has shaved off

later said it was just a joke. Akkari now says printing the drawings was OK and that his reaction at the time was wrong. Last week he even apologized in person to one of the cartoonists, Kurt Westergaard,

who has faced multiple death threats and murder attempts from extremists. Many Muslims consider Westergaard's drawing, which depicts Muhammad with a bomb-shaped turban, as the most offensive.



Danish Muslim Ahmad Akkari was part of a group that traveled to the Middle East to voice complaints over newspaper cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, and admits he was instrumental in the 2006 campaign against the Danish newspaper cartoons.

(AP Photo/Joachim Adrian)

doing an about-face on the issue. Once a leading critic of the Danish cartoons, which sparked fiery protests in Muslim countries, Lebanese-born Ahmad Akkari now says the Jyllands-Posten newspaper had the right to print them. His unexpected change of heart has received praise from pundits and politicians in recent weeks, though some question his sincerity. It has also disappointed some in the country's Muslim minority who were deeply offended by the cartoons. Akkari, now 35, was the

killed in weeks of protests that included violent attacks against Danish missions in Syria, Iran, Afghanistan and Lebanon. Tiny Denmark found itself on a collision course with the Muslim world — something Akkari now regrets. "I want to be clear today about the trip: It was totally wrong," Akkari told The Associated Press this week. "At that time, I was so fascinated with this logical force in the Islamic mindset that I could not see the greater picture. I was convinced it was a fight for my faith, Islam." He said he's still a practicing Muslim but start-

the patchy beard he used to wear. Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favorable ones, for fear it could lead to idolatry. Arguing that such religious sensitivities should not limit the freedom of speech, Jyllands-Posten in 2005 invited Danish cartoonists to draw the prophet. At the time, Akkari joined Muslim hardliners demanding an apology from the paper and action against it by the government. He appeared to advocate violence against a more moderate Danish Muslim in a secret TV recording, but

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Dengue epidemic looming for Central America region

KATHERINE CORCORAN
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Central America is on track to have one of its worst years ever for the painful, sometimes fatal disease of dengue, prompting governments across the region to mobilize against the mosquito-borne virus. There have been 120,000 suspected cases of dengue reported across Central America so far in the season, which is roughly June to November, when the rains make it optimal for mosquito breeding. The number of cases already is about to surpass the total for all of 2012 in the seven countries from Guatemala to Panama. At least 39 people have died so far,

more than the 32 for all of 2012. The disease is endemic to the region, but cases tend to surge every three to five years, and the Pan-American Health Organization says this year's looks unusually bad. Perhaps the worst major outbreak in the Americas was in 2010, when 132 people in Central America died. Honduras and El Salvador have declared health emergencies to channel extra funds and efforts to prevent the spread of the disease. Other nations are also sending teams of workers across villages and cities to squirt bursts of insecticide at puddles and to lecture citizens against leaving standing water where mosquitoes can



A worker from the health ministry fumigates the backyard of a home where the man who lives there sits in his wheelchair in the neighborhood of Waspam in Managua, Nicaragua. Central America is on track to have one of its worst years ever for the painful, sometimes fatal disease of dengue, prompting governments across the region to mobilize against the mosquito-borne virus. (AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

breed. "They're involving people from public health,

police and soldiers. It's an all-out effort to fight the effects of the epidemic," said Vilma Areas, spokeswoman for the Nicaraguan Health Ministry. At least 17 people have died in Honduras, where more than half the municipalities have registered dengue cases. Most of Nicaragua's 2,000 cases, including six deaths, are concentrated on the border with Honduras, which has reported

nearly 18,000 cases so far, compared with 15,000 for all of 2012. Dengue is a leading cause of illness and death in the tropics and subtropics, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. The virus-transmitting aedes aegypti mosquitoes are found in dense population areas where a combination of people and standing water allow them to breed and thrive. □



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Suspect in Mexico journalist Killing claims torture; freed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Authorities say a suspect in the killing of a Mexican investigative journalist has been freed after a court found he was tortured into confessing. Regina Martinez was found beaten and suffocated in her house in April 2012. She was a correspondent for the respected investigative newsmagazine Proceso. Authorities in the eastern state of Veracruz said she was killed in a robbery and suspect

Jorge Antonio Hernandez Silva was sentenced to 38 years in prison. But colleagues accused the state of a cover-up, saying they suspected she was killed for her reporting. Her death became a rallying cry for press advocates pressuring the government to end impunity for journalists' killers. An appeals court in Veracruz ruled Thursday that Silva was tortured into a confession, the only evidence against him. □



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specific parts of the postal work such as best practices for registered mail or proof of delivery. Mr. Nelis Winklaar, General Manager Operations Post Aruba N.V., responsible for the training and with more than 40 years of experience in the postal sector mentions: 'It was great to share some of my experience with this group and interact. After all, since I started working at Post in 1969 and growing within the organization, a lot has changed. The motivation and involvement I felt in this group was very satisfying.' The employees who participated in and received their certificate for this train-



order to improve quality of delivery this training included tips and tricks on how to deliver more efficiently, handling change of address, preparation of outgoing mail, and how to organize the different postal tasks in general. They also worked with a lot of examples of what employees may encounter on working days and how to respond to different client situations or questions; on top of which they dealt with

ing are Rudy Dirksz, Aldrich Trimon, Jeric Felisia, Araceli Piternella, Emmanuel Henriquez, Julius Hart, Jeandré Felida, Kevin Nisbet, Glenrick Curie, Jean-Mark Tromp and Jeremy Thiel. Post Aruba is investing in their employees to improve the quality of service, and to open up opportunities for growth towards a better future within the organization. Post Aruba N.V. ... we deliver! □

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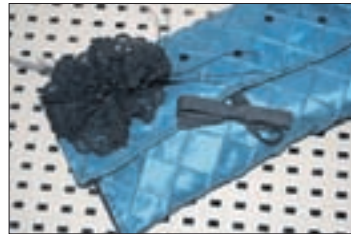
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ing from the time she was born, and later sewing and designing.

Relying on her own imagination as a source of inspiration, Abigail also looks to nature for interesting forms and color combinations. Having experimented with bathing-suit designs for both men and women, she now devotes her leisure time to the design of individual purses and bags. "Everybody has their own style," she states. "Everybody wants to express themselves in their own way. I love that. I realize we need to nurture our own individual style. And that's why I make one-of-a-kind creations, for one-of-a-kind people."

As a mother of two holding down a full-time job as an assistant accounting officer and studying law at the University of Aruba, she admits time is precious, but nevertheless her hobby is important to her. She is



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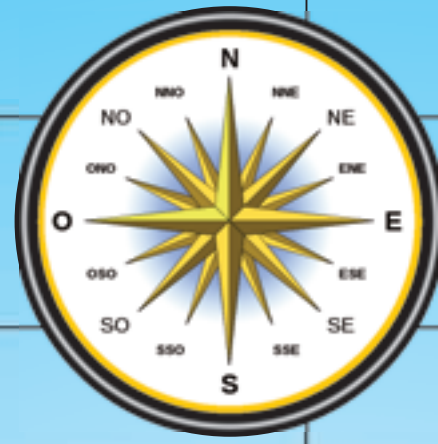
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Dufner ties major scoring record with 63 at PGA

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

PITTSFORD, New York (AP)

— Jason Dufner got on quite a roll after he holed out from the fairway for an eagle at the second hole. Not that anyone could tell. The laid-back player who gave us “Dufnering” hardly showed a lick of emotion during his relentless march toward the record book. Then, finally, with a chance to do something that had never been done — shoot 62 in a major championship — the significance of the moment finally got to him.

Dufner left a 12-foot birdie putt a good 18 inches short, settling for a 7-under 63 that tied the major scoring record at the PGA Championship on Friday.

“I showed a little bit of nerves there,” he conceded.

“That’s one where you’d like to gun it when you have a chance at history. But I was able to two-putt and share a little bit of history.”

Indeed, it was quite a round.

Dufner became the 12th player to shoot 63 in the PGA Championship. Steve Stricker was the most recent to do it, in the opening round two years ago at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Overall, it is the 26th time



Jason Dufner reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 17th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in Pittsford, N.Y. Associated Press

a player has shot 63 in a major. It has been done at all four of golf’s biggest events.

“The history of the game is something dear to my heart,” Dufner said. “To be part of history, to be there forever, is a neat accomplishment. He is best known — on the course, at least — for squandering a four-shot lead with four holes remaining at the 2011 PGA. He lost to Keegan Bradley in a playoff.

Dufner gained even more fame this year when a photo emerged of him slumped against a wall, his arms straight at his side, during an appearance in a school classroom. Fans took the Internet to post pictures of themselves in various states of “Dufnering.”

He had plenty of momentum after the second hole, when a sand wedge from 105 yards landed above the flag and spun back into the cup. In what passes for emotion in Dufner’s world, he doled out a couple of fist bumps to his playing partners.

That was it.

Dufner tacked on five birdies in his bogey-free round, which left him with a two-stroke lead as he walked to the clubhouse.

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Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland reacts after defeating Sara Errani of Italy during the quarter final of the Rogers Cup women’s tennis tournament Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in Toronto.

Associated Press

Radwanska tops Errani to make Rogers Cup semis

TORONTO (AP) — Agnieszka Radwanska defeated Sara Errani 7-6 (1), 7-5 Friday to reach the semifinals of the Rogers Cup.

She’ll be joined in the final four by fourth-seeded Li Na of China who defeated Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 7-6 (1), 6-2. Li, last year’s finalist, needed 96 minutes to get by the world No. 20-ranked Cibulkova,

who came into the tournament on a roll with a recent title victory at Stanford over Radwanska. Li broke to make it 6-5 in the first set, taking the game with a blazing cross-court winner, but couldn’t hold and needed a tiebreak to win the set. She cruised through the second set en route to her first semifinal berth since losing at Stuttgart in April.

Radwanska gained a measure of revenge against Errani, an Italian seeded fifth. Errani eliminated Radwanska in the quarterfinals of this year’s French Open.

In the first set, Radwanska took the tiebreaker with a drop-shot volley that forced a wide return from Errani. In the second set, the Pole won when Errani returned long on double

match point. The two players again traded breaks in the second until Radwanska held serve at 6-5 when Errani returned long on double match point. Radwanska closed it out in just over two hours, avoiding any repeat of their 2012 meeting at the WTA Championship — an epic three-and-a-half hour, three-set victory for Radwanska. □

AL Capsules

Scherzer wins 17th, Tigers take 12th straight

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Max Scherzer became baseball's first 17-game winner and the Detroit Tigers posted their 12th straight victory, routing the Cleveland Indians 10-3 Thursday night.

Miguel Cabrera drove in three runs as the AL Central leaders completed a four-game sweep and opened a seven-game lead over the second-place Indians.

Scherzer (17-1) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings. He helped the Tigers beat Cleveland for the 12th time in their last 13 meetings.

Cleveland's futility for the series was summed up when manager Terry Francona let utilityman Ryan Raburn pitch the ninth inning. Raburn retired three straight hitters, striking out Matt Tuiasosopo, in his professional pitching debut and drew a standing ovation.

Zach McAllister (4-7) allowed six runs in 2 1-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

ROYALS 5, RED SOX 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

— Bruce Chen outdueling Jon Lester as the Kansas City Royals defeated the Boston Red Sox.

The Royals won for the 16th time in 20 games since the All-Star break. The Red Sox, who have the best record in the American League, lost for only the third time in 10 games.

Chen (5-0), who was making his fifth start since beginning the season in the bullpen, did not allow a runner past first base until the eighth and retired 11 in a row in one stretch. He yielded five singles, walked one and struck out two.

Lester (10-7), who

came into the game with a 6-2 record and 1.64 ERA in nine starts

against the Royals, needed 41 pitches in the first inning when Kan-

sas City sent eight men to the plate and scored three runs. □



Detroit Tigers pitcher Max Scherzer delivers to Cleveland Indians batter Michael Bourn during the first inning of a baseball game at Progressive Field in Cleveland, Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013.

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Jamaica's Usain Bolt attends a Team Jamaica training session ahead of IAAF Athletics World championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013.
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Bolt always the show when he steps on track

PAT GRAHAM
AP Sports Writer
MOSCOW (AP) — The ever entertaining and always amusing Usain Bolt will soon be blazing down his lane to give track a dose of positive — from performances, for a change, and not tests. The recent doping scandals involving Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell have cast a dark cloud over the sport, one that Bolt's hoping to blow away by sprinting his way to gold. That Gay or Powell, or even an injured Yohan Blake, aren't at the world championships that open Saturday doesn't really overshadow the event because anytime Bolt steps

into the blocks, he alone, by himself, makes for compelling theater. When the charismatic Jamaican is in top form, and properly motivated, records can be broken. And track could certainly use that at the moment, given that Gay, Powell, Sherone Simpson and Veronica Campbell-Brown have all recently tested positive for banned substances. Granted, there aren't as many threats to Bolt in the 100 meters with Blake, his top rival and the defending champion, also sidelined due to a nagging hamstring injury. But these days Bolt's biggest challenger may just be the clock anyway. "After the 2012 Olympics, I was telling people who weren't into track and field, 'Hold onto your popcorn because next year is going to be even more exciting. We're going to have the same people,'" American sprinter Justin Gatlin said. "Never in a million years would I think it would end up like this. I still think it's going to be exciting." Indeed, largely due to Bolt's popularity. It's not like he won't be pushed, though. After all, Gatlin beat him in Rome two months ago and is eager to prove that it wasn't a fluke, that he's closing the gap on the world-record holder. These two aren't exactly best of friends. They don't really talk all that much off the track, but there's definitely a measure of respect. Hard not to respect the sprinter who has captured six Olympic titles and shattered world records in the 100 (his current mark is 9.58 seconds) and the 200 (19.19). "He's done so much for the sport and in the sport," Gatlin said. "People either want to see Bolt get beat or don't want to see him lose. There's pressure of always being perfect." Blake fleetingly stole Bolt's stage last year by beating his teammate in the 100

and 200 at the Olympic trials and by winning the world 100 title in 2011 when Bolt false-started. Had Blake been healthy, this would've been a good rematch. Gay would have been a worthy opponent, too, especially since he was healthy for the first time in quite a while. But the American, who won the 100 and 200 at nationals, failed an out-of-competition doping test. Powell won't be here, either, after testing positive — along with Simpson — for a banned stimulant. "I want to line up against Yohan. I want to line up against Tyson. I want to line up against Asafa," Gatlin said. "This kind of takes a spark out of it a little bit." He paused, contemplating his impending showdown with Bolt. "But now it's like a real heavyweight bout, where you have two guys who aren't the best of friends, ready to run against each other and rumble," Gatlin said. Lately, Bolt has been the undisputed champion, captivating the crowd with his bravado and clowning around. When the gun sounds, he's all business for less than 10 seconds before returning to his light-hearted ways. This race, with the final on Sunday, has his full attention. He's not overlooking anything — or anyone. "I am fit and ready to go!" Bolt wrote in a recent email. "Right now my only focus is winning three gold medals at worlds." Besides the 100, there are other intriguing plot lines at the worlds: — Two-time Olympic pole vault champion Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia wrapping up her career after the meet. — Trey Hardee attempting to defend his world title against Olympic champion and world-record holder Ashton Eaton. — Mo Farah trying to capture the 5,000 and 10,000 by holding off training partner Galen Rupp. □

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Dufner was at 9-under 131 midway through the tournament, tying the 36-hole PGA scoring record held by six other players. Shingo Katayama and David Toms were the last to do it, at the 2001 PGA in Atlanta.

But Dufner is hardly in the clear, not on a course that has been easy pickings for the world's best players with its rain-softened greens.

During a round that began in dreary rain and finished in bright sunshine, Webb Simpson shot 64 to tie the course scoring record that was shared by Ben Hogan and Curtis Strange. That lasted only a few hours, before Dufner came along to beat them all.

There were 60s all over the board.

Just not from Tiger Woods. Mired in the longest major drought of his career, he plodded to a 70 that left him at 1-over 141 for the tournament, a staggering 10 strokes off the lead and facing the very real prospect of being 0 for 18 in the big events since his 2008 victory at the U.S. Open.

Others fared better. Matt Kuchar shot 66, while 18-hole co-leaders Adam Scott and Jim Furyk both posted 68s, leaving all three tied at 7 under. U.S. Open winner Justin Rose, bouncing back from missing the cut at the British Open, shot 6-under 29 over

his final nine holes for a 66 that left him three shots behind Dufner. Henrik Stenson also was 6 under after a 66 of his own. Robert Garrigus (68) and Steve Stricker (67) were 5 under.

Scott is a serious contender for fourth time in the last six majors.

"The platform has never been better for me to go on and win multiple majors," Scott said. "You've got to take the confidence and form of winning a major and run with it."

Last summer, he endured the bitter disappointment of losing a British Open that seemed all but locked up before he bogeyed the final four holes. Instead of moping about that defeat, Scott used it as a catalyst to win at Augusta National, where he defeated Angel Cabrera on the second extra hole.

Three weeks ago, Scott had another Sunday lead on the back nine of the British Open before fading with another run of bogeys. "I'm playing well in the majors and giving myself a chance," Scott said. "I don't care if they call me the best player as long as I win on Sunday."

Simpson, a former U.S. Open champ, was 7 under through his first 15 holes and flirting with the major scoring mark before a bogey at the seventh — his 16th hole of the round — stemmed the momentum. He had one more birdie shot at the eighth, but missed a 10-footer.



Webb Simpson reacts after missing a birdie putt on the eighth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in Pittsford, N.Y.

Associated Press

"I was thinking about it coming down the last few holes," said Simpson, whose 4-under 136 total left him tied with a group that also included 2010 PGA champion Martin Kaymer.

British Open champion Phil Mickelson knew it was a day for going low, but his game wasn't up to the task. Lefty shot his second straight 71, leaving him 11 shots off the lead and probably too far back to contend for a second straight major title.

Defending PGA champ Rory McIlroy was headed to the weekend after bouncing back from a tough start Friday. He played his first 10 holes at 5 over, but closed with four birdies for a 71 that left him even for the tournament — nine shots

behind.

"I've just got to try to get off to a fast start tomorrow," said McIlroy, who won last year by a record eight strokes at Kiawah Island. "I need to shoot something in the mid-60s to give myself a chance on Sunday." □



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Pacquiao: My comeback starts in fight with Rios

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, California

(AP) — Manny Pacquiao

will be coming off the longest layoff of his incredible career when he steps back into the ring in Macau in November.

It'll also be two years since the former pound-for-pound champion's last victory.

There's no reason to worry about any of those ominous signs, according to the genial Filipino congressman. His bout with Brandon Rios will just be the start of his comeback, not a retirement party.

"I want to prove that I can still fight, and my boxing career is not done yet," Pacquiao said Thursday in a ballroom jam-packed with international media at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 KOs) was his usual serene, joking self in his last public appearance in North America before heading back to the Philippines, where he'll start training camp in October. Pacquiao is training with Freddie Roach for only six weeks, not the usual eight, because Roach doesn't want to burn out his fighter.

And for the first time in the 34-year-old Pacquiao's career, that's a legitimate concern. The eight-division champion is coming off losses to Timothy Bradley and Juan Manuel Marquez, followed by roughly 11 months of inactivity.

"I have confidence in my ability," Pacquiao said. "If you really look at my last fight, my conditioning, my killer instinct was still there. Everything was happening until that punch."

Indeed, while Pacquiao's loss to Bradley has been widely lampooned as a poor judging decision, his



Manny Pacquiao, left, of the Philippines, poses with Brandon Rios at a news conference in Beverly Hills, Calif., Thursday, Aug 8, 2013, to promote their upcoming boxing match. Pacquiao and Rios are scheduled to fight in a welterweight match at The Venetian Macao in Macau on Nov. 24.

Associated Press

one-punch knockout loss to Marquez was much more persuasive. Seeing Pacquiao facedown and motionless on the Las Vegas canvas was sobering, but Roach remains publicly confident Marquez's devastating punch is a hazard of their profession.

"Manny is a realist," Roach said. "If you don't think you can get knocked out in this sport, you picked the wrong sport. He knows it can happen. It happened twice before I met Manny Pacquiao. He showed me those tapes. He wasn't embarrassed by it. He knows it's part of life in boxing. That's why he deals with it so well. It doesn't bother him." Although Pacquiao is unshakably confident, Roach acknowledges he'll

have to discuss retirement with Pacquiao if the brawling Rios (31-1-1, 22 KOs) pulls an upset at the Venetian casino, the world's newest boxing hotbed after a series of fight cards in its arena this year.

"I'll even go so far as to say if I see flaws in training camp, I'll tell Manny, 'It's over,'" Roach said. "The thing is, until we get there, we really don't know. We can't really guess. If he doesn't respond to training camp, my No. 1 priority is to take care of my fighter, no matter what."

Pacquiao also will train without longtime strength coach Alex Ariza, who was recently fired by Roach. Despite the upheaval in camp and his typically chaotic personal life, Pac-

quiao seems confident he can focus on the fight long enough to take care of Rios and his ferocious, defense-deficient style.

"I didn't choose an easy opponent," Pacquiao said. "I didn't choose a tuneup fight. I chose to fight a good fighter. ... I love to fight. I love to throw a lot of punches. I have to make sure I'm in 100 percent condition and the killer instinct is still there."

Rios dispensed his usual happy-go-lucky personality to the Beverly Hills gathering, jokingly holding up his nameplate while posing for photos with Pacquiao and Zou Shiming, the Chinese Olympic gold medalist who will fight on the undercard. While Rios is among the sport's most

likable guys, Roach is more interested in the challenger's crowd-pleasing style.

"He comes to fight. He wants to exchange," Roach said. "I think it's a fight that he'll make us look great in. He's the perfect style for Manny Pacquiao." After crossing the globe on a promotional tour that included stops in China, Singapore and the U.S., Rios is happy to be home. Pacquiao will check in at Roach's Wild Card gym only briefly before heading home, where he'll get to work on revitalizing his career.

"It's really important to win this fight," Pacquiao said. "Not just win, but to win convincingly, either knockout or decision, as long as the fans are satisfied." □



German companies to automatically encrypt emails

BERLIN (AP) — Two of Germany's biggest Internet service providers said Friday they will start encrypting customers' emails by default in response to user concerns about online snooping after reports that the U.S. National Security Agency monitors international electronic communications.

The plan by Deutsche Telekom AG and United Internet AG is the digital equivalent of putting an envelope around a postcard. Currently most emails are sent across the web in plain view of anyone standing between the sender and the recipient.

Initially the encryption will only be secure between customers of Deutsche Telekom's T-Online service and United Internet's GMX and WEB.DE services — which together account for two-thirds of primary email addresses in Germany — the companies said. "Germans are deeply unsettled by the latest reports on the potential interception of communication data," Deutsche Telekom

CEO Rene Obermann said in a statement. "Our initiative is designed to counteract this concern and make email communication throughout Germany more secure in general."

But Computer security specialists said the plan appeared to be little more than a publicity stunt, because the technology being used to encrypt the emails while in transit was outdated and didn't guarantee they were safe from prying eyes while on the companies' servers.

"The technology employed doesn't prevent 'listening posts' from being established on the system," said Germany's Chaos Computer Club, which bills itself as Europe's largest association of hackers.

NSA leaker Edward Snowden has alleged that the U.S. intelligence agency and some of its foreign partners routinely sift through online traffic as part of an effort to prevent terrorism.

A spokesman for Deutsche Telekom, Philipp Blank, told The Associated Press



CEO of Deutsche Telekom Rene Obermann holds a press conference to discuss the topic of secure e-mailing in Berlin, Germany, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013.

Associated Press

that the company doesn't grant foreign intelligence agencies access to its traffic in Germany. But he added that "of course we are bound by German law." German law grants domestic security services

broad powers to intercept communications and demand access to emails and phone data stored by commercial providers. It also allows them to pass information on to foreign intelligence agencies under

certain circumstances. In one indication that German security services won't find their work hindered, the country's interior minister issued a statement welcoming the encryption move. □

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Stocks slide on a quiet day, end down for the week

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — On the stock market, Friday was the crowning achievement of a lackluster week, where unimpressive earnings kept investors feeling wary and news about the U.S. economy left them uninspired. All three major indexes ended lower, and almost everything about the day screamed summer. Trading was light and earnings season was nearly over. The only major economic news

S&P 500 and the Nasdaq composite. For the Dow, it was its first weekly loss since June. The Dow closed down 72.81 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,425.51. The S&P 500 index lost 6.06 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,691.42. The Nasdaq composite was down 9.02 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,660.11. Investors couldn't pinpoint a specific reason for Friday's decline, but said the entire week — one when the Dow and S&P 500 rose on only one day —

Fed Band-Aid will reveal an economy that can't stand on its own.

Department store chain J.C. Penney was one of the few companies making news. Shares fell 6 percent as the company's board bickered with its largest shareholder, hedge fund manager Bill Ackman, over how quickly the company should replace its interim CEO. The stock lost 79 cents to \$12.87.

The government reported that sales for U.S. wholesal-



Back-to school fashions are displayed at JC Penney's in New York's Times Square. J.C. Penney was one of the few companies making news Friday, August 9, 2013. Shares fell 6% as the company's board bickered with hedge fund manager Bill Ackman over how quickly the company should replace its interim CEO. The stock lost 79 cents to \$12.87.

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the government released was wholesale inventories, and that's hardly a closely watched indicator. Those still at work remarked on the difference that just a week made — the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones industrial average both hit their highest closing levels exactly one week before — and joked that all their colleagues had already taken off for the Hamptons, a group of tony beach towns east of Manhattan.

"Practically the whole financial world is there today," said Jeff Sica, president and chief investment officer of Sica Wealth Management, from his office in Morristown, New Jersey.

Friday marked not just a losing day but also a losing week for the Dow, the

has been weighed down by uninspired earnings reports. Earnings are up, but by less than analysts were forecasting at the beginning of the year, and revenue is falling. There are also worries that the market has already reached its highs for the year. The S&P 500 is up 19 percent for the year. "There's no specific culprit here, but the market seems to be tired," said Robbert Van Batenburg, director of market strategy at Newedge in New York.

Comments this week from Federal Reserve officials also make it seem likely that the Fed will soon rein in its stimulus measures, which are meant to prop up the economy and the stock market. Some investors worry that yanking off the

ers increased — but wholesalers also cut their stockpiles for a third straight month, an indication that they're uncertain about future demand.

Among stocks making big moves:

— BlackBerry jumped after Reuters reported that the company may be growing more amenable to going private. The stock rose 53 cents, or 6 percent, to \$9.76.

— Priceline.com was up and came close to being the first S&P 500 company to cross \$1,000. Shares of the travel website rose \$36.14, or 4 percent, to \$969.89, a day after the company announced earnings that were better than Wall Street analysts expected. □

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China indicators suggest slowdown is leveling out

JOE McDONALD

AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's factory output and auto sales accelerated in July, adding to signs a slump in the world's second-largest economy might be stabilizing.

A decline in wholesale prices slowed, suggesting weak demand might be strengthening, according to figures released Friday. That added to earlier data showing July imports rebounded from the previous month's contraction.

The positive indicators could help to support Chinese leaders who have been resisting pressure to stimulate the economy. They have said they want to focus instead on longer-term reforms aimed at making the economy more efficient.

Despite the improvement in the latest indicators, growth is unlikely to return to earlier double-digit rates.

"The China boom is over and we need to get comfortable with steadily slower growth rates," said Andy Rothman of CLSA in a report. "The Party leadership is comfortable with current economic conditions and will focus on longer-term restructuring rather than on a short-term stimulus."

China's economic growth fell to a two-decade low of 7.5 percent in the second quarter but the latest trade and industrial data suggest the slowdown might be leveling out.

Growth in factory output accelerated to 9.7 percent from June's 8.9 percent, the National Bureau of Statistics reported. Investment in factories and other fixed assets rose 20.1 percent.

Producer prices, or prices of goods as they left factories, fell 2.3 percent from a year earlier. But that was smaller than June's 2.7 percent decline, suggesting demand might be strengthening following a slump that has caused producer prices to decline

steadily for more than a year.

"The data came in generally better-than-expected, suggesting some decent pickup in activity momentum," said JP Morgan economist Haibin Zhu in a report.

Consumer inflation held steady at June's 2.7 percent level, below the official 3.5 percent target for the year. That could give Chinese leaders room to stimulate the economy with higher government spending or cuts in taxes or interest rates. They have tried, however, to avoid a costly, across-the-board stimulus after heavy spending in response to the 2008 global crisis fueled inflation. Pressure for prices to rise has been relatively low because supply exceeds demand in many industries. That has led to price-cutting wars among competitors, squeezing companies financially and forcing some into bankruptcies.

Communist leaders have ordered companies in industries including steel, cement and glass to shut down some factories to reduce excess production capacity. Premier Li Keqiang said in June that there was little room to stimulate the economy with short-term measures such as higher government spending. Li said communist leaders would focus on reforms aimed at supporting entrepreneurs and encouraging domestic consumption to reduce China's reliance on exports and investment. The government has cut taxes on small businesses and stepped up spending on building railways.

July imports soared 10.9 percent over a year earlier in a sign of stronger Chinese domestic demand.

"A solid increase in commodity imports in July suggests that investment is picking up, possibly helped by an official pivot towards rail investment," said Alaistair Chan of Moody's Analytics in a report. □

Priceline stock flirts with historic \$1,000 mark

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Priceline.com came close Friday to becoming the first stock in the Standard & Poor's 500 index to ever cross \$1,000. Investors jumped onboard after the travel booking company reported better than expected second-quarter earnings. The rose to almost \$995 before leveling off. In afternoon trading, Priceline was up 5 percent to \$980.66.

The company's stock hasn't been this high since it had an adjusted closing price of \$974.27 on April 30, 1999, a month after going public in the heady days of the dotcom boom. The

stock dropped below \$10 just two years later.

Online travel sites like Priceline, Expedia and Orbitz have their roots in booking airline tickets, but have branched out because of a decline in commissions the airlines pay them. Priceline has been the most aggressive and successful in diversifying through several company-owned sites including Booking.com, Agoda, and Rentalcars.com.

Priceline got its start asking travelers to "Name Your Own Price" and bid on flights, hotel rooms and car rentals. Bidders didn't know in advance what hotel or flight they would be on,

and the booking was non-refundable, but the savviest could save substantially

seats on planes. The company hired William Shatner as its pitchman, calling him



Priceline.com's headquarters in Norwalk, Conn. Priceline.com came close Friday Aug. 9, 2013, to becoming the first stock in the Standard & Poor's 500 index to ever cross \$1,000.

(AP Photo/Douglas Healey)

as travel providers tried to fill unused rooms, cars or

"the negotiator." Priceline still offers its bidding service

but has mostly shifted to more traditional bookings and travel packages.

The key to its success in the last quarter was overseas hotel markets. Domestic bookings grew at a respectable 12 percent in the second quarter, but international growth was red-hot, up 44 percent from last year. The number of hotels that list their properties on the booking sites is growing. Booking.com now has 330,000 hotel properties, up from 295,000 reported last quarter, many of them added in Europe and Asia. The Norwalk, Connecticut company is paid a commission for each room sold. □

Caesars Entertainment Corp. selling Macau property

KEN RITTER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Casino giant Caesars Entertainment Corp. informed regulators Friday that it is selling its property in Macau to an Asian developer for \$438 million. The Las Vegas-based company reported in a quarterly filing to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it agreed Tuesday to sell the golf course property to

Pearl Dynasty Investments Ltd. The publicly traded company said the sale is expected to close by the end of the year, and it intends to use the proceeds to pay down debt. Company stock was trading Friday at \$18.25, up 64 cents or 3.6 percent.

Caesars Entertainment spokesman Gary Thompson said a confidentiality clause in the sale agreement precluded the com-

pany from comment beyond its disclosures in the 10-Q report.

The report says the agreement called for initial deposits this week of \$65.7 million by Pearl Dynasty, with plans to complete the transaction within 90 days. Caesars Entertainment could keep \$43.8 million if the deal fails.

Caesars is the only major U.S. casino company without a casino in the Chinese

gambling enclave about a one-hour ferry ride from Hong Kong. Rival companies MGM Resorts International, Wynn Resorts Ltd. and Las Vegas Sands Corp. have Macau properties. Corporate predecessor Harrah's Entertainment bought the 175-acre site in 2007 for \$578 million, with plans to develop a hotel and casino. The name of the property was changed to Caesars Golf in 2010,

after the corporate name change.

However, the company didn't apply in the early 2000s for one of a finite number of gambling licenses in Macau, and it never gained a gambling concession from the Macau government. Caesars Entertainment said in a SEC filing last month that it plans to raise \$1.2 billion by selling stock in the company. □

Carlos Slim in \$9.6BN bid for Dutch telecom KPN

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AP Business Writer

AMSTERDAM (AP) — America Movil SAB, owned by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim, will launch a 7.2 billion euro (\$9.6 billion) bid for the part of Dutch telecom company Royal KPN NV it doesn't already own, in a challenge to a rival offer for KPN's prized German mobile group E-Plus.

Movil's 2.40 euros per share bid for KPN announced Friday offers a 20 percent premium on Thursday's closing price, valuing the company's stock at around 10.3 billion euros, and the 70 percent it doesn't already own at 7.2 billion euros.

The news of the approach sent KPN shares 17 percent higher to 2.34 euros in Amsterdam.

The offer price is miles above the 1.60 euros KPN's shares were trading at in mid-July before Movil's



People walk past a KPN store in Amsterdam. America Movil SAB, owned by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim, announced Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, it will launch a 7.2 billion euro (\$9.6 billion) bid for the part of Dutch telecom company Royal KPN NV it doesn't already own, in a challenge to a rival offer for KPN's prized German mobile group E-Plus.

(AP Photo/Margriet Faber)

arch-rival, Telefonica SA, announced plans to buy E-Plus from KPN for around 8.1 billion euros.

The Telefonica deal was backed by KPN's management, but many analysts believe Slim, the world's richest man according to Forbes magazine, wants E-Plus for himself. E-Plus has a 15 percent stake in the German market that would be near-impossible to build from scratch.

Also, "Slim could be forcing Telefonica to step up and bid for all of KPN, in which case he could exit at a higher price," said analyst Guy Peddy in a note written by a team of analysts from Macquarie Capital.

"At the very least, Telefonica will likely have to significantly raise its bid on

E-Plus, which would cause its leverage to balloon" and hurt its ability to invest in Latin America, where it competes directly with America Movil, said Peddy. Movil said it initially invested in KPN to improve its geographical diversity. Now it wants a controlling stake "to facilitate greater operational cooperation and co-ordination between the two companies."

KPN spokesman Ward Snijders said Friday the company is "studying" the America Movil bid.

The Telefonica deal for E-Plus must still be approved by KPN shareholders — including Movil — and it is expected to receive scrutiny from European regulators as it would combine

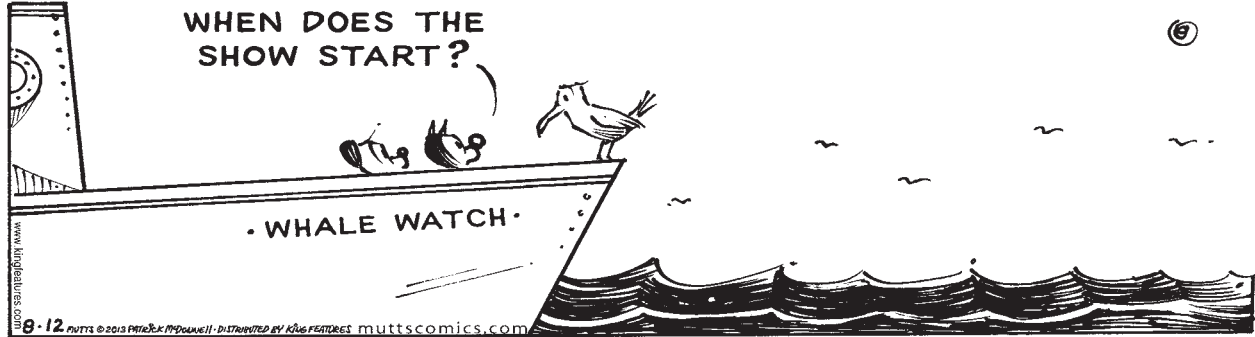
Germany's third and fourth largest mobile providers.

Analyst Marc Hesselink of ABN Amro said there appear to be few hurdles to the Movil bid succeeding. "In our view, American Movil was 'forced' to this bid by the E-Plus deal," he said. Once Movil controls KPN, Slim could either demand a higher price for E-Plus, or more likely, block the sale entirely.

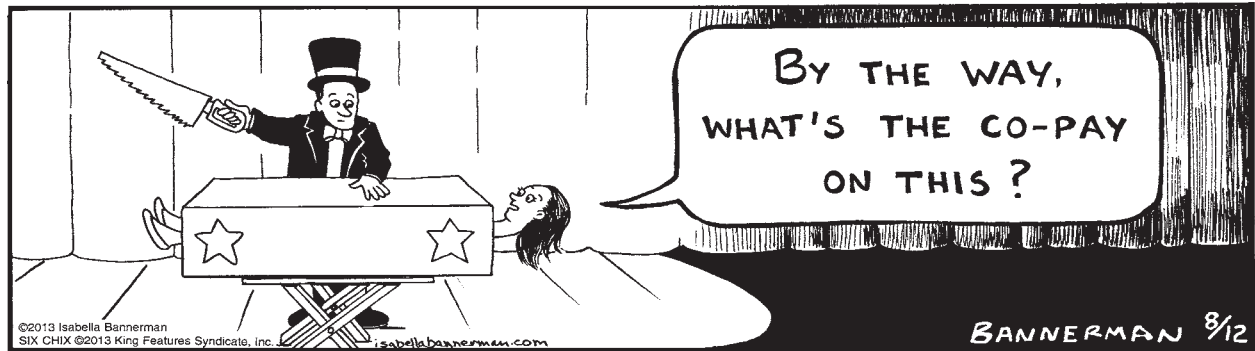
"Without E-Plus, there is limited strategic value in KPN," he said.

He reasoned there was little chance Telefonica would try a counteroffer for KPN, given Movil's 30 percent stake, and little chance that Dutch governance rules would let KPN's boards torpedo a relatively attractive offer. □

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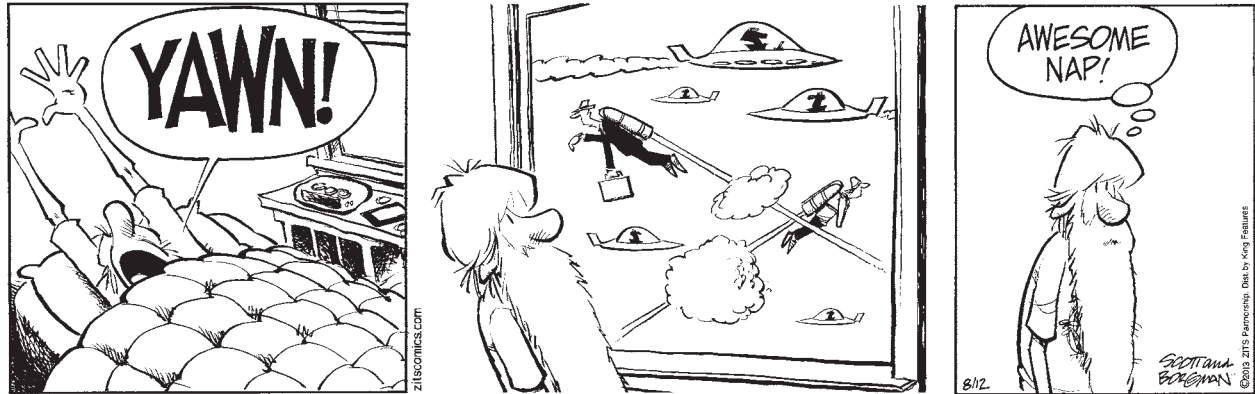
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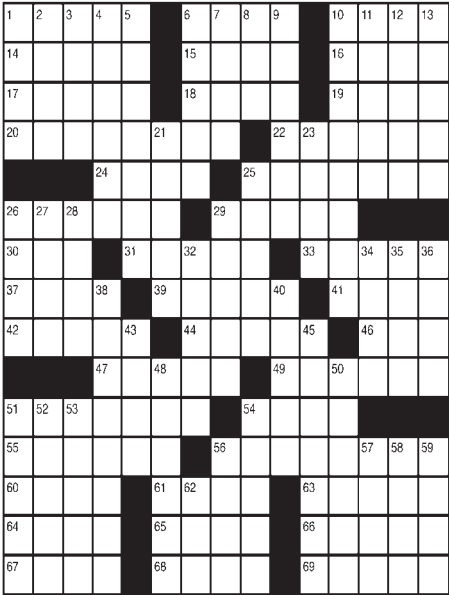
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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 6 Keep __ on; watch closely
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 14 Cheek coloring
 15 Follow orders
 16 Afresh
 17 "Rigoletto" or "Carmen"
 18 Dodgers or Mariners
 19 Cylindrical storage tower
 20 Abandoned
 22 Bread spread
 24 Pillow cover
 25 Walked leisurely
 26 Arranges
 29 Less vivid in color
 30 " __ Maria"
 31 Tierney and Wilder
 33 Good buys
 37 Potter's oven
 39 Cheers
 41 Faucet problem
 42 Actress Burstyn
 44 Racer Al __
 46 Brewed drink
 47 Take __; put forth effort
 49 Against, in a courtroom trial
 51 Acquires
 54 Restaurant's list of offerings
 55 No __; without anything fancy
 56 Disdain
 60 "A __ of Two Cities"
 61 Canyon sound
 63 Blazing
 64 12/24 & 12/31
 65 Laugh loudly
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 67 On the __; exactly
 68 Little children
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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 5 Warm embrace
 6 Tribal pole
 7 Still in the sack
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 35 In __ of; as a substitute for
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 38 Of Katmandu's country
 40 Three and four
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 45 Residences for tenants
 48 Add in
 50 Having regrets
 51 Frequently
 52 "Good job!"
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 54 Buggy areas
 56 Informal talk
 57 Deep mud
 58 Get ready, for short
 59 Examination
 62 Pigeon's sound

Post Office loss declines in Q3

RON NIXON

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WASHINGTON - The Postal Service on Friday reported a net loss of \$740 million in the third quarter, compared with a \$1.9 billion loss in the previous quarter, a better-than-expected performance for the agency, which has been shackled by falling revenues and a congressional mandate that requires it to annually pay billions of dollars into a health fund for future retirees.

Over all, the post office reported operating revenues of \$16.2 billion in the third quarter, which ended June 30, compared with \$15.6 billion over the same period last year, a 3.6 percent increase. It attributed the increase to cost-cutting measures and strong growth in e-commerce deliveries.

Postal officials said the service's expenses were \$16.9 billion, compared with \$20.8 billion over the same time last year. Expenses were lowered by a \$918 million decrease in workers' compensation costs because of lower interest rates.

"The Postal Service's latest quarterly report makes clear that Postal Service finances are rebounding strongly as the U.S. economy improves," said Fredric V. Rolando, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He said that the post office would have made a profit of \$660 million without the health fund payments required by Congress.

Mail volume continues to fall, but not as sharply as in the past. Total volume for the quarter was 37.9 billion pieces, compared with 38.3 billion over the same period last year. The volume of first-class mail, the largest revenue source for the post office, declined about 3.4 percent. Revenues generated by first-class mail were about \$6.9 billion, down about 1 percent, or \$60 million, from the same period last year.

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mail - many call it junk mail - increased by \$117 million, or 3 percent, compared with the same period a year earlier. Revenue from package deliveries also continued to grow. Revenue was \$2.9 billion, up \$237 million, or 8.8 percent, over last year. Despite a somewhat better financial picture, the post office said it continued to suffer from the 2006 congressional mandate that requires it to pay \$5.5 billion annually into a health fund for future retirees.

The service defaulted on two payments last year for the first time and said it would not be able to make payments into the fund this year. To increase revenues, postal officials have asked Congress for the authority to enter into new lines of business like beer and wine delivery, which are now forbidden.

Congress has recently began working on a postal overhaul bill after similar legislation failed last year. The Senate passed its version of the bill last year, but a House measure never made it out of committee.

Last month, a House committee passed a bill that would allow the post office to phase out letter delivery on Saturday, but six-day delivery would continue for packages and medicine. The bill would also end delivery to individual homes in favor of cluster boxes. It would also forgive the two health fund payments the post office missed last year, but would not end the payments. □

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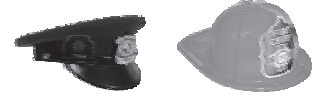
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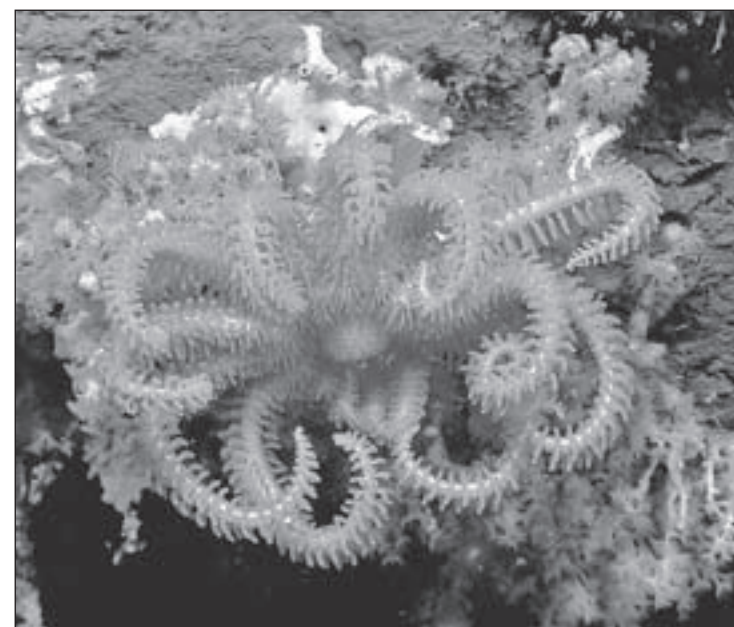
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A reality show with depth: Live ocean exploration

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Vicious fights! Stunning beauties! Surprises around every corner! Yes, it's reality TV but with a lot more depth — as much as 10,000 feet. It's live coverage of deep-sea exploration off the northeastern United States and tens of thousands of people are tuning in. They're watching an eel suddenly attack a squid, oohing-and-aahing over hot pink starfish and listening as excited researchers discover a canyon so downright alien that sea life lives on methane escaping from the sea floor instead of sunlight. They're watching science as it happens, however weird and wild. "We've been calling it Deep Sea TV," says National Marine Fisheries Services scientist Martha Nizinski, in

a ship-to-shore interview. "It's much better than any other reality show being broadcast." For years, the world of the deep sea floor has mostly been the province of scientists. A handful of researchers would huddle on a ship and watch the video from below, take notes, and two or three years later write a scientific paper. Now, as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's ship Okeanos Explorer and its robotic submarine explore thousands of feet deep, the view is broadcast live, usually from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, for other scientists and everyday people to follow along to the tune of 50,000 visits. Leona McKinney of Hiram, Georgia, started watching from home over three weeks ago. "I've watched every day

since then. In fact, I'm watching now. I'm hooked on it," she said in a phone interview Wednesday. The expedition, which costs about \$40,000 a day, continues until Aug. 16. As the robotic sub roams the Atlantic Ocean off Massachusetts, scientists can call in or send messages with requests to see this or that. In past years, the ship explored the Pacific Ocean, but the next several missions will be off the East Coast with officials considering a deep Puerto Rico trench dive in the winter — with live coverage, of course. Aboard the ship, researchers do more than watch; they explain the science and the action for viewers. "It's a bit like color commentary from sports," says U.S. Geological Survey scientist Amanda Demopoulos, whose voice is often



This image provided by NOAA, shows a brisingid seastar rests on a small bubblegum coral in Hydrographer canyon.
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heard calling the underwater action. "These are mysterious ecosystems. We don't always know what we're going to find." The expedition seems to be gaining loyal viewers, Nizinski said. "We're giving everybody a really good diversion and keeping them from doing their work," she said. On the ship's Facebook page, comments from

viewers include raves from McKinney, who's become a fan of some of the commentators. "I love it when they say 'Ooh, I haven't seen that before'," McKinney said. One of the highlights for her: Watching an eel circle an unsuspecting squid, attack and bite its would-be lunch. The squid played dead and then suddenly escaped. □

Report: Climate change is impacting California



This April 30, 2010 file photo shows a stream seen running through snow covered banks near the site of the Department of Water Resources snow survey at Echo Summit, Calif.

Associated Press

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Coastal waters off California are

getting more acidic. Conifer forests on the lower slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains have moved to higher elevations over the past half-century. Climate change is affecting natural resources in California, the most populous state in the U.S., a report released Thursday found. "There's certainly reason for concern," said Dan Cayan, a climate scientist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography who contributed to the report. The findings are an update to a 2009 report that documented how a warming California is impacting the environment, wildlife and people. Among the known impacts: Butterflies in the massive agricultural region known as the Central Valley are emerging from hiding earlier in the spring; glaciers in the Sierra Nevada have shrunk; and spring runoff from snowmelt has

declined, affecting Central Valley farmers and hydroelectric plants. The latest report was compiled from existing climate studies and released by an arm of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Officials hope it will spur the state and local governments to plan ahead and adapt to a hotter future. Annual average temperatures across the state have risen by about 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit (0.8 Celsius) since 1895, with the greatest warming seen in portions of the Central Valley and Southern California. Levels of carbon dioxide, methane and other heat-trapping gases in the state increased between 1990 and 2011. In recent years, there has been a slight drop — the result of industries and vehicles becoming more energy efficient, the report said. Some of the carbon dioxide

in the atmosphere is being absorbed by the ocean, altering its chemistry. Scientists have documented changes to waters at Monterey Bay, which have turned more acidic in recent years, raising concerns about impact to marine life. Certain plant and animals species — such as conifers in the Sierra Nevada and small mammals in Yosemite National Park — have responded to a changing climate by moving to higher ground. Expect more heat waves, wildfires and higher sea levels as the state warms, the report said. Carnegie Institution ecologist Chris Field, an acknowledged leader in the field of climate impacts, said the observations in the report "are more or less the gold standard of where we are now today" and provide a peek of the future. □

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Court grants conservatorship over actress Bynes

ANTHONY McCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer
OXNARD, California (AP) —

A judge granted the mother of Amanda Bynes a temporary conservatorship on Friday to make decisions about her daughter's treatment in case the former child actress is released from a facility where she is being treated for mental health issues.

The decision by Ventura County Superior Court Judge Glen M. Reiser came more than two weeks after Bynes, 27, was involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital after months of erratic behavior.

The ruling permits Lynn Bynes to control decisions involving the health and finances of her daughter. It will be in effect until Sept. 30.

A psychiatric hold on Bynes has been extended for 30 days but could be ended any time.

The actress did not appear in court. Her court-appointed attorney said Bynes did not feel that a conservatorship was necessary.

Reiser said his ruling was based on a doctor's evaluation and an investigator's interview of Bynes. The judge said ruled the actress had a "lack of capacity to give informed consent to medical care."

Her parents Richard and Lynn Bynes sat calmly in court and spoke only to acknowledge that they understood the ruling. They sought the conservatorship on July 27, days after authorities involuntarily committed their daughter after she started a fire in the driveway of a home in her hometown of Thousand Oaks.

The petition states that their daughter had become increasingly paranoid in recent months and expressed fears she was being watched by smoke detectors and devices in the dashboard of her car.

"We are deeply concerned that Amanda poses a substantial risk to herself, to others, and to property based on recent events in her life," the filing stated.

In May, Bynes was arrested for



In this Tuesday, July 9, 2013 file photo, Amanda Bynes, accompanied by attorney Gerald Shargel, arrives for a court appearance in New York on allegations that she chucked a marijuana bong out the window of her 36th-floor Manhattan apartment.

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allegedly throwing a marijuana bong from a window of her 36th-floor Manhattan apartment. Police had come to the building to investigate a complaint that she had been smoking marijuana in the lobby.

Last year, Bynes was charged in Los Angeles with driving on a suspended license. The license had been suspended after she was charged with driving under the influence and misdemeanor hit-and-run. □

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Jimmy Fallon: We had baby via surrogate

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. television comic Jimmy Fallon says he and his wife had their baby daughter with the help of a surrogate.

Winnie Rose Fallon, the daughter of the NBC late-night comic and his wife, Nancy Juvonen, was born July 23. Fallon said in a portion of a "Today" show interview broadcast Friday that the couple had been trying for a while to have a child before succeeding with the help of a surrogate.

The couple kept it all a secret until Winnie was born. NBC said a more extensive portion of Savannah Guthrie's interview with the incoming "The Tonight Show" host



In this April 23, 2013 file photo shows talk show host Jimmy Fallon and his wife Nancy Juvonen at the TIME 100 Gala celebrating the "100 Most Influential People in the World" at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York.

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will be broadcast next week. □



R&B singer Usher, left, and his ex-wife Tameka Foster Raymond wait for a child custody hearing to begin, Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in Atlanta.

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Judge sides with Usher in child custody battle

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge has dismissed an emergency request by R&B singer Usher's ex-wife seeking temporary custody of their two children. Tameka Foster Raymond had requested the hearing after their 5-year-old son got caught in a pool drain at Usher's home Monday while the singer was not home. Usher's aunt, Rena Oden, was poolside. After a hearing in which both Usher and Raymond took the stand, the judge dismissed her request for temporary primary custody and decision-making authority. Raymond's court filing said their son, Usher Raymond V, "suffered a

near-death accident." The boy was still in the hospital Friday. Usher and Tameka Raymond married in 2007 and divorced two years later. They went through a lengthy child custody battle, and Usher was awarded primary custody of the boys last year. After the judge issued the ruling, Usher approached his ex-wife and gave her a long hug. Usher left the courthouse without speaking to reporters. The pool accident comes nearly a year after Raymond's 11-year-old son, Kile Glover, Usher's stepson, died from injuries he suffered when he was run over by a personal watercraft. □



In this Aug. 2, 2013 photo, Filipino independent film director Hannah Espia, who directed and co-wrote the film "Transit" poses at the Cultural Center of the Philippines where her film is being shown in the country's Cinemalaya film festival in Manila, Philippines.

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Film highlights Filipino workers' woes in Israel

TERESA CERAJANO

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— A film about Filipino migrant workers in Israel who hide a 4-year-old boy to try to stop his deportation has hit close to home in the Philippines, where such emotional dramas are all too familiar to millions of overseas laborers and their siblings. "Transit," directed and co-written by Filipino Hannah Espia, tells its story from the perspective of each member of two Filipino families living together — a single mother and her half-Israeli teenage daughter, a single father and his boy, Joshua — as they grapple with the Israeli government's immigration crackdown beginning in 2009 and the decision to deport children who do not meet stringent criteria. The crackdown followed a period of relative freedom for foreign workers to raise their families in Israel — an exceptional case for Filipino workers who toil overseas and send hard-earned money home to support their families. About 10 million, or 10 percent of the overall population, work abroad, and 40,000 are in Israel, mostly

as caregivers.

For children Yael and Joshua, both Israeli-born Hebrew speakers, it is a time of identity struggle. Yael, who attends school in Israel, insists she is an Israeli and only her mother is Filipino. Joshua, who is not yet enrolled, wonders aloud how he could be a Filipino when he does not even speak Tagalog and does not even like the national dish adobo. He asks how does one become Jewish and is upset when he loses a bottle containing sand from Jaffa, afraid he would forget about the land of his birth when he is finally deported.

"We're always facing threats of deportation everywhere because Filipinos are all over the world, but this is a very rare case because it focuses on the deportation of children," Espia told The Associated Press.

She said she got the idea for the movie after visits to Israel and after learning about the case in which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife Sara appealed for a stay in the deportation of a 4-year-old Filipino girl.

Israel has been grappling

with how to handle an influx of immigrants. The Jewish state grants automatic citizenship to Jews but doesn't have a firm policy for others. Most Filipinos arrived legally for specific jobs, and the crackdown on illegal immigration was meant mainly to address an influx of Africans who arrived through the Sinai Peninsula and squatted in south Tel Aviv.

The government issued guidelines in August 2010 that would allow certain immigrant families to remain. It grants permanent residency to children of immigrants if they have parents who entered the country legally, attended school, spoke Hebrew and resided in Israel for at least five years. The criteria disqualify hundreds of children like Joshua.

The film's focus on the conflicted "third-culture kids" — those born in another country and raised in a culture different from their parents' — adds another dimension to a recurring topic in Philippine movies that deal with overseas laborers and the emotional price exacted in missing their children's birthdays and graduations. □

Daring To Fail



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© 2013 New York Times Secretary of State John Kerry has pulled off a major achievement in getting Israelis and Palestinians to say yes to the United States. Can he now get them to say yes to each other?

I admire Kerry's doggedness in getting Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table for the first time in five years, in part by making clear that whoever said no to America's urging that they resume talks would be called out publicly. I also like the fact that Kerry dared to fail. It is how you make history as a secretary of state. It can also be helpful to him going forward. Even a little success like this breeds more authority, and more authority can breed more success in other arenas.

That said, the prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian deal remain slim. Indeed, if these negotiations were a play, it would be called: "When the Necessary Met the Impossible."

So why should we even bother? I've always thought that the most important rule of journalism is: Never try to be smarter than the story. There is every reason to doubt that these talks will succeed, but when you look under the hood of this story you find there were some powerful forces propelling both sides to say yes to Kerry - and at least consider saying yes to each other, so it's worth letting this play out a little. Let's start with a small item in Britain's Independent newspaper on July 24, which began: "He once sang, 'You Gotta Get Outta This Place,' but now Eric Burdon is not even turning up at all having decided to withdraw from a planned concert in Israel. ... The Animals frontman, whose hits include 'House of the Rising Sun,' and 'San Franciscan Nights,' had been due to perform alongside local Israeli bands in Binyamina. ... However, in a statement, Mr. Burdon's management, said: 'We've been receiving mounting pressure, including numerous threatening emails, daily. ...' Burdon was just the latest of a rising number of artists and intellectuals who have started boycotting Israel over the occupation issue." Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank is isolating the Jewish state more and more. Just before Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu agreed to these negotiations, the European Union announced new guidelines banning EU financing or cooperating with any Israeli institutions in territory seized during the 1967 war. This involves research grants, scholarships and cultural exchanges. The EU is considering

requiring any products made in West Bank settlements to be labeled as such (some individual EU states already do) to make them easier to for Europeans to boycott. These are dangerous trends for Israel. The EU is one of Israel's largest trading partners. And now add the fact that Palestine has been granted U.N. status as a "nonmember observer state," so President Mahmoud Abbas is positioned to ask the International Criminal Court to investigate Israel's settlement activities in the West Bank, which are widely viewed as contravening international law.

Meanwhile, Abbas was looking at a situation where the turmoil in the Arab world was both sidelining the Palestinian issue and weakening his archrival Hamas, which had been supported by the Syrian regime and Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood. If Abbas - who foolishly did not take advantage of former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's offer of a two-state deal in 2008 - did not take advantage of this renewed U.S. effort, it is not clear when the next bus would come again for him, if at all.

If all of that explains why both sides felt these talks were necessary, what makes them feel impossible is the sheer accretion of obstacles. There are some 350,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and at least 50,000 to 80,000 would have to be moved, even after land swaps. There are tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees living outside the West Bank and Gaza who will have to be persuaded that they can return to those two places but never again to their original homes in pre-1967 Israel. Hamas will try to use any Abbas concessions to undermine him, while rightists in Israel will go ballistic over any Israeli givebacks in Jerusalem, while Palestinians will denounce any leader who does not restore a Palestinian foothold there.

And have no doubt: Just trying to make peace will have consequences the minute both sides reveal their maps. One should never forget just how crazy some of Israel's Jewish settlers are. They assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin when he tried to cede part of the West Bank for peace. Nor should one underestimate the capacity of Palestinian hard-liners to generate suicidal violence when left only with despair or a sense that their leadership is selling them out.

But doing nothing also promised disaster - permanent Israeli control of the West Bank - and I think the center in both communities has come to see that. I repeat: They did not come to the table by accident or just to please us. But saying yes to each other will require a new kind of leadership from Abbas and Netanyahu. They will have to help each other face down their respective internal opponents rather than use each other as an excuse for not doing so. How and whether they do that is the drama that you're about to see play out. Pull up a chair. □



About That College Sports Idea



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"Be careful what you wish for," goes the proverb. "You just might get it."

For more than a year now, I've been advocating for reforms in college football and men's basketball that would both acknowledge that the two sports are big businesses - rather than extracurricular activities, as the NCAA still pretends - and then begin to rectify the gross inequity embedded in the current system, namely that the players work for free while everyone around them gets rich from college sports.

One of the ideas I've come to champion is the establishment of a kind of superleague, consisting of marquee names like Kentucky, Alabama, Notre Dame, Michigan, UCLA and the like: maybe 72 or so football teams and 100-plus basketball teams. These teams would openly serve as the minor leagues for professional football and basketball. The players would get wages. They could get an education if they chose - and that would be a good thing, of course - but there would be no more pretending that football players were actually students first. I know that education purists hate this idea, but it has the benefit of dealing with reality - a reality that

is unlikely to change given the immense popularity of college sports. If implemented properly, it could be the beginning of the end of "the plantation," as Taylor Branch famously described big-time college sports in The Atlantic two years ago.

In recent weeks, some of the most powerful men in college sports have begun to tiptoe in the same direction. Every summer, each of the big five conferences - the ACC, the SEC, the Big Ten, the Pac-12 and the Big 12 - holds an annual media day. This year, a number of conference commissioners, most notably Bob Bowlsby of the Big 12, came out in favor of a new superdivision consisting of only the teams in the five big conferences. Having now listened to them, now I'm not so sure anymore what I think of the idea.

As articulated by Bowlsby, the chief impetus for the new division is that the big boys also want more realism in the rules they operate by. Unlike many smaller schools, for instance, a number of the big conferences were proponents of the NCAA's plan to raise scholarship money by \$2,000 or so to match the real cost of attending college. They were ultimately overruled by the smaller schools, which were concerned about being able to afford it. They are tired by the NCAA's picayune rules around "amateurism," where players can be suspended for, say, selling their own property for tattoos, as famously happened at Ohio State. Indeed, Bowlsby cast this new division in terms of doing right by the athletes who play the games. (Nobody is talking about leaving the NCAA, but with a gun to its head, it would be forced to accede to looser rules for the major powers.)

Of course, there is another reason the big five want to go their own way. They wouldn't have to share their wealth with the college sports also-rans. Right

now, the major conferences are scheduled to get 75 percent of the 12-year, \$5.6 billion deal college football signed with ESPN. Why settle for 75 percent when you can get the whole thing?

The smaller schools would be furious if the big five decided to create their own sandbox, of course. But that's fine by me. Such a move could well force the smaller schools to re-evaluate whether to continue emphasizing sports - or not. Midsize Division I schools would no longer have an incentive to spend millions upgrading their football "programs." Some sanity might return.

But it also doesn't sound as though a new superdivision, should it come to pass, would make much more than token gestures toward the athletes. Yes, it would be nice if their scholarships covered the full cost of college, but that is not the same as getting paid for what amounts to a full-time job, while generating billions for others. Nor does it mean there would be any new emphasis on education either; in fact, it would probably diminish. My friend Gregg Easterbrook, who has a book on college football coming out in September, calls it "Football's Sellout Subdivision." Then again, a new superdivision might cause others to take a closer look at the current cartel arrangement enjoyed by college sports. There are federal lawsuits brought by former and current athletes revolving around licensing of player images - and judges might start wondering why players shouldn't be paid for their images. Congress might start to wonder why college sports enjoys "educational" tax deductions not available to other businesses. In the new revenue-maximizing superdivision, the players themselves might finally start wondering about the fairness with which they're treated. A guy can dream, can't he? □

Parkour's Big Leap Indoors And Into The Mainstream

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They are skateboarders without skateboards, urban acrobats who scale walls, hurdle mailboxes and leap between buildings in stunts that might give Spider-Man pause. Practitioners of parkour, a daring pastime born in the streets, have long seen public spaces as their playground and parkour as the ultimate rebel's game, one with no rules, league, equipment or winners. It started in France (the name is derived from the French word for "course") and has spread around the world: Gaza, Tokyo, Rome and Miami are all parkour towns.

One thread binds them all: Parkour takes place outdoors. Bringing it inside, purists argue, would be like asking swimmers to perfect the breaststroke on grass. But now, parkour has grown up, traded the pavement for padding and turned into a big business.

Parkour gyms have opened across the country, from Los Angeles to Rochester, featuring juice

special parkour insurance policies and charges \$295 for teacher certification courses.

"Parkour is definitely blowing up," said Shem Rajoon, 27, an owner of Bklyn Beast, a parkour gym in Brooklyn that opened this year. "I see it becoming something very mainstream."

While the gyms' owners say they are broadening the activity's appeal, and making it safer in the process, hard-core enthusiasts say parkour's renegade soul is at risk.

"If you limit parkour to the indoor setting you effectively nullify its very point," said Dan Edwardes, 37, author of "The Parkour and Freerunning Handbook."

"The prevalence now of 'parkour gyms' in some countries, particularly the States, is worrying, as it means within a few years parkour will not exist anymore in its original form."

Parkour's popularity has boomed in the YouTube era, as daredevils across the world record themselves leaping, and sometimes crashing, in a digital game of one-upsmanship.



Participants work out during a weekend adult open session at Tempest Freerunning Academy, a parkour gym, in Los Angeles, July 27, 2013. Practitioners of parkour have long seen the public space as their playground, but parkour gyms are now opening across the country, trading the pavement for padding, and turning it into big business.

(Emily Berl/The New York Times)

scape. Many gyms are decorated with urban costumes, adopting indoor graffiti, scaffolding and handrails to mimic the outdoors.

On a recent Saturday at Bklyn Beast, children and adults leapt across a purple, springy floor, launching

far more exciting workout than another session on the treadmill.

"It's just scary enough that you're thinking about being scared and in pain, but not so scary that you don't want to do it," she said.

But as with any subculture on the verge of gaining wider popularity, purists scoff at what they see as the commodification of their beloved pastime. They argue that the gyms, with their foam pits and soft floors, are spoon-feeding tricks to the public, dumbing down the jazzlike improvisation that is central to parkour.

"It's about using what is there and being creative with the space in front of you," said Kaspar Schröder, 33, a Copenhagen filmmaker who directed the 2009 parkour documentary "My Playground."

Many gym owners say they encourage their members to practice parkour inside and outside. And there are signs that even some hard-core parkour enthusiasts have taken to the indoors. In June, New York hosted the seventh annual PKNY Jam, a weekend-long event that brings together enthusiasts from across the country. This year, for the first time, it also included an indoor session at Bklyn

Beast.

Beyond the gyms, a flurry of groups are looking to capitalize on the trend. Red Bull started an annual freerunning contest in 2007. Video games like Assassin's Creed and Infamous feature characters performing parkour tricks.

The World Freerunning and Parkour Federation has seen increasing interest in its certification program, said Victor Bevine, one of its founders, with classes held in Miami, Boston, Dallas and Fairfield, Conn., and others scheduled in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The federation also began an insurance product in April tailored to parkour gyms that have certified teachers.

When the federation was created in 2007, Bevine found "no one trying to support the overall growth of the sport on a global level," he said. Now, that landscape is crowded.

On a recent afternoon spent vaulting over chin-up bars in a lower Manhattan park, Vanya Prokopovich, a 20-year-old lab technician from Ann Arbor, Mich., extolled outdoor parkour.

"You feel free, and you feel such happiness," he said. "You just have to be close to the concrete. Inside, it doesn't feel as natural." □



Ryan Vanterpool Stanford, 5, jumps into soft blocks during a parkour class for kids at Beast Gym in New York, Aug. 3, 2013.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

bars, private classes and children's birthday parties that can cost \$450 (cake not included). Specialized apparel companies sell tailored gloves for \$34.50 and shoes for \$60. An international organization offers

Kudos goes to the person who most creatively turns a parking meter into a diving board, a wall into a ladder. The gyms, with their padding and liability waivers, offer a more sanitized version of the urban land-

over vaults with abandon. They climbed fire poles and swung from monkey bars in front of walls tagged with spray paint.

Elizabeth Bellis Wolfe, a 29-year-old lawyer, said she found parkour to be a